Streatham and Clapham High School

Uniform Policy – Senior School

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Person(s) responsible for this policy		**Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral) - Senior and Prep**	
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Rationale

School uniform gives our pupils a sense of community and instils pride in the school. It contributes to the school's ethos and sets an appropriate tone, supporting positive behaviour and discipline and encouraging a purposeful attitude to work. It allows students to become aware of appropriate dress for the world of work. It leads to improved security through the identification of pupils in the school or out on excursions.

Our uniform policy has been developed in consultation with pupils, parents, governors and the local community. Cost is considered in deciding on uniform design and suppliers, and we review arrangements regularly so that parents get value for money. Sustainability is considered when sourcing uniform items.

It is expected that all students from Year 7 to Year 11 will wear school uniform every day, including the journey to and from school, and will comply with the high standards expected. In the Sixth Form more freedom is allowed, and students are asked to adhere to a dress code which they themselves have agreed and which is outlined in the Sixth Form induction guide. The school will seek to make appropriate arrangements to reflect the requirements of different religious faiths with regard to acceptable variations of the school uniform. We respect the needs of different cultures, races and religions, and try to accommodate these.

Prospective parents will be sent clear uniform notes well in advance of the admission of their child. If they have any concerns before admission, they are very welcome to contact the school and try to make specific arrangements. Any changes to uniform will be publicised at least two terms in advance; there will be a transition phase, and consideration will be given to those pupils nearing the end of their time at school.

SCHS has adopted the HALO code. This protects all staff and pupils who come into school with natural hair and protective hairstyles associated with their racial, ethnic, and cultural identities. If worn, wraps should be school colours: black, white or mauve.

Any religious variations to our uniform must still comply with our Health and Safety requirements. Health and Safety is considered in relation to appropriate dress codes for Sixth Formers. To promote a healthy lifestyle, our uniform does not preclude walking or cycling to school. On these occasions pupils are permitted to wear light colours and reflective materials over their uniform, so that they are as visible as possible, particularly during the winter months.

As of September 2024, following a trial suggested by the School Council, Senior girls are allowed to wear PE uniform on the days they have a timetabled PE lesson. This does not include sports clubs, training or Kinza.

- If a student has a timetabled PE lesson, then they can come to school in their SCHS branded sports kit – tour kit and hoodies are not permitted.
- On days when they don't have a timetabled PE lesson, students are expected to change into their SCHS branded PE kit for sports clubs and practices or Kinza.
- PE uniform rules must be followed and should be smart with no squad or tour kits, including hoodies.
- No jewellery is allowed in PE lessons and therefore, we suggest girls don't wear earrings on the day they have PE, to prevent them having to remove them and risk them being lost. Footwear should be a performance trainer and therefore Nike Air Force 1s, Crocs, Uggs, sliders and/or other non-performance trainers are not aligned with this requirement. A reminder of out sportswear can be found in the Uniform List (Appendix 1). To ensure safe playing in PE, nails should be kept appropriately short to avoid injury to teammates.

The maintenance of a high standard of school uniform is the responsibility of every member of staff. Form tutors should check that correct uniform is being worn at the start of each day and all teachers at the start of lessons, including those for which specialist clothing is required, should make similar checks. All staff, both teaching and non-teaching are expected to monitor girls' uniform. Any concerns should be raised with the appropriate Head of Year.

Non-compliance with the uniform policy is investigated directly. We may impose sanctions for breach of the policy. The Head of Year or Assistant Head (Pastoral) will deal with persistent breaches of the uniform requirements as a disciplinary matter. We may ask a pupil to go home to change. This will be for no longer than is necessary to effect a change of clothing and would only be appropriate where the change could be made quickly and easily. In such cases parents will be notified.

Uniform may be obtained from Billings and Edmonds' 112 Chiswick High Road, London W4 1PU Tel: 0208 742 0201. Shop open: Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 5.30 pm and Saturday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Alternatively, uniform can be purchased online at:

http://www.billingsandedmonds.co.uk/streatham-amp-clapham-high-school-gdst/c441

The Senior School has a uniform sale that takes place at the Senior School at the very end of the Summer Term. Billings & Edmonds will come into the school with their stock and offer personalised fitting services. Families are therefore welcome to attend then and purchase uniform items there and then, which saves them a trip to the shop.

The FRIENDS of SCHS also offer a 'pre-loved' uniform sale at the Summer Fair that takes place at the end of the summer term, which is a great opportunity to purchase used items.

Bursary students (Pupils in receipt of a Bursary award of 95% or above)

Pupils who are in receipt of a Bursary award above 95% are entitled to the following:

- An initial uniform grant of £600 in Year 7 via our supplier, Billings & Edmonds, to be used towards core daywear and sport items, as detailed below. Items must be purchased in-person – either at our uniform sale on 11 July or at the Billings & Edmonds store in Chiswick. Please note that there will also be a pre-loved uniform sale at the Friends of SCHS Annual Summer Fair.
- An additional uniform grant totalling £500 is available for use across Years 8 – 11. Please note that this grant is not allocated on a per-year basis and must be distributed over the four years as needed for uniform replenishment.

Appendix 1: Uniform List

ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE OWNER'S NAME

All clothing should be named with sewn in name labels and all other property should be clearly and indelibly marked

SENIOR SCHOOL

ITEMS
DAYWEAR –ALL TERMS
SCHS fitted jacket grey with crest on lapel (girls should always have their blazers with them)
SCHS plaid skirt
SCHS trousers/shorts in summer if preferred
SCHS lilac blouse long or short sleeve with revere collar
SCHS Pullover black with lilac trim (50%wool/50%acrylic)
Black opaque tights or ankle socks/ knee length socks
Plain black quilted coat – optional
Sturdy black leather shoes (no canvas style or trainer style)
Name Tapes (sew on and peel and stick name labels)
SPORTSWEAR
SCHS games shirt with logo
SCHS games skort or shorts with logo
SCHS fleece jacket with ¼ zip with logo (old kit but some students may still have one which is
SCHS Mid layer with logo (not compulsory but sports/tours hoodies are not allowed)
Skins (do not have to be SCHS logo)
SCHS waterproof tracksuit top ¼ zip with logo
SCHS tracksuit bottoms with logo
SCHS black base layer top (optional)
SCHS hockey socks
SCHS sports bag with logo
White sports socks – ankle socks not trainer socks
Trainers - must have adequate ankle support (a performance trainer does not include Nike Air
Thick black leggings for Drama
Competition Leotard (gym squad only)
Hockey stick
Mouth guard
Shin pads

General Appearance and Hair.

Correct uniform should always be worn neatly. Uniform should be unadjusted, and skirts should be knee-length. Blazers should be worn at the start and end of the day, including between lessons and formal events.

Coloured hair, make-up, nail varnish and/or other adornments to nails are not permitted. We acknowledge that natural hair colour can vary widely between different individuals and cultural

backgrounds. However, extreme colour contrasts, are not permitted during school hours. Girls with long hair should ensure that it is tied back when required in a lesson e.g. for safety in a DT lesson.

Sixth Form:

Sixth Formers are expected to dress appropriately for an academic environment. We have a relaxed dress code and encourage you to express your individuality, but students should dress in a way that is respectful and conducive to learning. The dress code includes:

- No spaghetti top, strapless, crop, or low-cut tops/dresses
- No midriff on show
- No clothing that shows underwear, e.g. through sheer clothing or clothing with cut-out sections
- No skirts or dresses that are too short and at risk of showing underwear (any skirts and dresses should be below mid-thigh)
- No pyjamas/onesies or pyjama-style trousers
- Shoes should be appropriate for the school environment. Flip-flops are not permitted. There must be no open-toed shoes of any kind in science laboratories or DT rooms.
- No piercings of the eyebrow, tongue, or lip
- Hair should be of a natural colour

Students are expected to wear smart outfits for special days such as Open events and Speech Day.

Jewellery

In Years 7 to 11, no jewellery is allowed apart from a single set of studs in the lobe (no hoop earrings), or an item of religious significance that is not visible – this must be agreed with the Head of Year. Students may wear a wristwatch. No other body piercings are allowed. Smart devices (including smart watches and rings) are not permitted. Students may wear a wristwatch.

In the Sixth Form, students are permitted to wear jewellery so long as it is compliant with the rules above and other Health and Safety regulations. Smart devices are permitted but should be used with the expectation of responsible use within a mobile phone-free school environment.

Mobile Telephones and Other Valuable Items

Mobile phones, payment cards, money and any other valuable items are the responsibility of the pupil: the school cannot accept responsibility for such items brought onto the school grounds.

Pupils must not use their mobile device whilst they are on the school site, unless in exceptional medical circumstances and only with the explicit permission of the Assistant Head Pastoral. Wearable smart devices - including smart watches and smart rings - are not permitted in school, unless in exceptional medical circumstances and only with the explicit permission of the Assistant Head Pastoral.

- **Years 7 to 11**: mobile phones must be locked in their mobile phone lockers as soon as students arrive on site and must not be removed until the end of their school business on that day (this includes after-school activities, performances and competitions).
- **Years 7 to 9 only**: must not have a smartphone (a phone with internet capabilities) in school. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 are permitted to bring in a 'brick' phone (a phone without internet capabilities) for use to and on the way home from school only.
- **Years 10 and 11 only**: are permitted to bring in a mobile phone (either 'brick' or smartphone) for use to and on the way home from school only.
- **Years 12 and 13**: are allowed to keep their mobile phone on their person, but they must be kept on silent in order to minimise disruption. Mobile phones must not be used, seen or heard except when students are in the designated sixth-form area (the Sixth Form Café). This includes when students are moving around the school site; in lessons; or working in the Sixth Form Study Centre or Sixth Form classrooms. Sixth Form pupils must not wear headphones except for the purpose of work and only in the designated sixth-form areas (the Sixth Form Café and the Sixth Form Study Centre).

Any pupil in Year 7 to 13 who is found to have breached the rules around phone use will be subject to escalating sanctions.

Large amounts of money should not be brought into school but in exceptional circumstances money can be deposited with a member of the Office Staff for safekeeping and parents/carers will be contacted. Payment for Tuck is contactless; as mobile phones are not permitted students should use a debit card for any Tuck purchases.