



Ursuline
High School
WIMBLEDON

Uniform Policy 2026-27

(Years 8-11)

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Ursuline High School (UHS) policies and procedures relate to its operation, staff, facilities, health and safety, risk management and services provided.

UHS strive to ensure equality of opportunity for all. This policy forms part of UHS commitment to create a positive culture of respect for all staff and students. The intention is to identify, remove or minimise discriminatory practice to ensure fairness and consistency for all those covered by it regardless of their individual differences and value the diversity of all individuals and communities.

As part of its development, this document and its impact on equality has been analysed and no detriment identified.

Ursuline Ethos / Mission Statement

To build a caring and supportive Christian community where each individual is able to grow in their understanding of the faith and their commitment to Christ.

To set standards of excellence in teaching and learning and to provide a broad, balanced, and relevant curriculum.

To develop personal qualities of understanding of self and others, self-discipline and motivation, responsible maturity, creative freedom, and integrity.

To foster an attitude of respect for all regardless of age, ethnicity, colour, creed, or gender.

To build peace, to promote justice, social concern and, through the celebration of difference, the equality of all peoples.

The uniform at Ursuline High School plays a very important role in maintaining high standards and we are extremely proud of its unique identity. It instils a sense of belonging to the community and avoids divisiveness, enabling students to be proud of their school and its values.

In line with guidelines set out by the DFE and published in November 2021, Ursuline High School has tendered for a new supplier while incorporating slight changes to the specification of the uniform, ensuring value for money, reducing branded items and allowing for easy access to good quality second hand uniform.

In line with the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2025 we have limited our branded items to 3 which must be purchased from the uniform supplier, all other items may be purchased from online or high street retailers in addition to the uniform supplier.

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Uniform Supplier

A new contract was awarded to Schoolwear Inc, Worcester Park, commencing on the 1st January 2023. The contract was awarded based on the best value for money, geographical proximity, and online access. Branded items have been kept to a minimum.

As this is a single supplier contract, regular tendering will be implemented to ensure competitive quality and prices. The contract will be re-tendered every five years.

Second Hand Uniform

Any used items of uniform including bags, in good condition, can be donated to the school. We use this to provide emergency uniform to students and to provide to families who may have financial difficulties.

Where sufficient stock is available will arrange a sale of second-hand uniform to the wider community via second-hand uniform sales coordinated by the Ursuline Parents' Association. The UPA can be contacted at UPA@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Changes to the school uniform for 2026-27

New government legislation requires all schools to carefully consider cost of uniform and limit branded items to ensure affordability. As a consequence, we are limiting our branded items to; the school blazer, the school skirt/trousers and the PE shirt which will continue to be available via our uniform supplier. All other items will be able to be purchased from high street or online retailers.

The introduction of the new uniform will apply to Year 7 students in the first instance. Students moving into Years 8–11 may continue to wear the existing uniform, and there is no expectation that families replace items that are still in good condition. Our uniform supplier currently holds a good stock of the existing uniform, ensuring that replacement items remain available. In addition, the UPA has a substantial supply of pre-loved uniform, offering a cost-effective and sustainable option for families. Parents and carers are, of course, welcome to purchase items from the new uniform range and make the transition at a pace that suits them. We encourage families to move to the new uniform as and when items need replacing, rather than incurring unnecessary expense.

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Uniform list – Years 8-11

Must be purchased from Schoolwear Inc:

- Royal blue blazer with embroidered Ursuline High School badge
- Royal blue pleated mock kilt – skirts should not be altered in any way and must be worn at knee length OR Royal blue trousers (alternative to kilt)
- PE top with correct house colour

Optional items from Schoolwear Inc:

- Blue striped reverse collar school blouse available in long sleeves or short sleeves
- Royal blue school jumper with embroidered school badge
- Black rucksack with embroidered school logo
- PE skirt
- PE hoodie

May be purchased from any retailer:

- Alternative to school jumper: Blue (not navy) V-neck knitted jumper. No cardigans [Example 1](#) [Example 2](#)
- Alternative to striped school blouse: White reverse collar blouse (long or short sleeve) [Example 1](#) [Example 2](#) [Example 3](#)
- Alternative to school skirt: Navy PE shorts (not cycling shorts) or joggers [Example 1](#) [Example 2](#) [Example 3](#)
- Alternative to school bag: Plain black rucksack with no logos and sufficient space for laptop/tablet. No handbags. [Example 1](#) [Example 2](#)
- Shoes – plain black with a sensible heel (5cm maximum) must be polishable. No platforms, sling backs, trainers, plimsolls, or boots at any time. Ankle must be visible. [Example 1](#) [Example 2](#) [Example 3](#)
- Pair of trainers, suitable for sporting activities - (not plimsolls)
- Coat/jacket – black/navy only, with sleeves, no logos, no denim/leather/fur. Expensive branded coats/jackets should not be brought to school.
- Tights - plain black/navy or neutral tights, no patterns, must be worn. Or plain black/navy or white knee length socks.

Full school uniform must be worn at all times.

In warm weather the school will withdraw the requirement for jumpers and blazers. A notice will be published on the school website and 24hrs notice given for a return to full school uniform expectations. Where temperatures reach more than 30 degrees students can wear their PE kit to school. A notice will be published on the school website and 24hrs notice given for any changes.

Consequences for failing to adhere to the School Uniform Policy can be found in the School Behaviour Policy and may include being sent home to dress correctly.

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In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a student not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation. Where issues arise with adhering to this policy students must be sent to school with a note from a parent explaining the issue and when this issue is to be resolved. This note must be signed by the student's Head of Year.

The school will consider reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality/protected characteristics. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students/parents requesting adaptation of the uniform should make representation to the Head of Year before any adjustments to their uniform are made.

Accessories and Make-up

Jewellery

One pair of earrings, studs with one stone or small hoop in the earlobes.

One necklace of a religious nature may be worn.

Anklets, nose studs, tongue studs, or any other facial or body piercing are not permitted. Tattoos are not permitted.

Inappropriate jewellery will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the half term.

Students can and are encouraged to wear a wristwatch. Smart Watches are not permitted.

Hair and make up

Hair accessories (including headbands, hairbands, scrunchies, hair slides, small bows, or braid beads/cuffs/rings/spirals/cords) must be black/navy or metallic gold or silver.

Bandanas, durags, wraps, and bonnets are not allowed to be worn with school uniform. A headscarf for religious reasons is permitted, which must be black, navy or white.

No makeup or nail varnish, false nails, false eye lashes or lash extensions may not be worn to school.

Coloured contact lenses must not be worn.

Outdoor coats

Sensible outdoor coats may be worn on the journey to school. However, outdoor coats must be removed when students enter the building. Coats should be kept in the student's locker for the duration of the school day. **Coats and jackets must be black or navy, with sleeves, no logo, no denim, leather, or fur are allowed. Expensive branded coats should not be brought to school.**

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Scarves, Gloves and Hats

Scarves, gloves and hats may be worn in plain black or navy only. However, scarves, gloves and hats must be removed when students enter the building and should be kept in the student's locker for the duration of the school day. Headscarves for religious purposes are permitted but should be black, navy and white.

Equipment

Students must provide their own padlocks to keep lockers secure.

All uniform must be clearly marked with the student's name, as should all clothing, textbooks, exercise books, etc.

Mobile phones, airpods/earphones/headphones MUST be kept in lockers, or these will be confiscated, and a letter sent home for a parent/guardian to collect the item. **Smart Watches are not allowed.**

Ear defenders may be permitted at the discretion of the SENDCo and this will be documented in the student's Learning Support Plan.

The school does not accept responsibility for loss of money or personal items.