

UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE

The governors of Cardinal Newman Catholic School support the wearing of a school uniform in order to help fulfill the aims of the school, in particular those listed below:

- ❖ *To be a Catholic community recognised by our love of God and of our neighbour*
- ❖ *To value and respect ourselves and all others.*

We believe wearing a uniform has many advantages:

- Promotes equality of opportunity for all students, social cohesion amongst pupils and protection from social pressure to dress in a particular way.
- Helps give the pupils of the school a sense of identity, belonging and positive self-image.
- Gives the school a well-respected profile and supports its Catholic, Christian ethos.
- Creates a culture of high expectations and high achievement within the school.

PROVISIONS

- All students, except sixth formers, are required to wear full school uniform.
- The uniform is designed to be acceptable to students, parents and staff and to be suitable (in terms of safety and comfort) for the range of activities pupils enjoy at school. Uniform is not about fashion and the expectation is that students will not add fashion items to their uniform or wear alternative 'more fashionable' versions of school uniform.
- New students are given a Prestige uniform list, from which badged uniform can be ordered online, before they arrive. Items of uniform are also available in person from Prestige Design & Workwear Ltd, Unit 2, Barton Industrial Estate, Faldo Road, Barton Le Clay, Beds, MK45 4RP. (Tel 01582 883222)
- The uniform list is published on the school website, in the student planner and in information sent out to new parents. Reminders about the uniform details are sent out to all students at least once a year. Items are priced competitively, and the overall cost of the school uniform is kept as low as possible.
- Occasionally, changes are made in consultation with the students, parents and staff.
- Through our Family Worker, all parents/carers have access to good quality second-hand uniform items at considerably reduced prices.
- Requests to vary the uniform to meet the needs of individual pupils, e.g. for medical or religious reasons, will be carefully considered. However, in adopting this policy the governors have taken all possible steps to ensure that it is fair and reasonable, is non-discriminatory and acceptable to the majority. It would not be practical or productive to vary the rules except in the most compelling of circumstances.
- On non-uniform days it is expected that students will wear appropriate clothing for school (see Appendix A)

MONITORING

- All staff are involved in monitoring the standard of school uniform.
- Tutors and Heads of Year have a special responsibility to check frequently. Tutors will log uniform infringements each and every time on ClassCharts and will tell the student to go to the hall at lunchtime (even if the student has a note).

- The Tutor will call home EVERY time a pupil arrives to school without following the uniform policy and has no note. Students with a note will be given an exemption card valid until the end of that week, allowing parents/carers to source alternative uniform or time for the school to source uniform for them if needed.
- If a pupil is in leggings or a short non “Newman” skirt, a member of staff will escort the pupil to the Emmaus Centre so they can put a “Newman” skirt on (this can be over the leggings) or put on a pair of trousers if available. If a pupil refuses to do this then they will be placed into isolation while parents/carers are called and asked to bring in appropriate uniform to school for them to change into.
- If a Tutor needs to call home about the same issue twice then the parent/carer will be invited in for a meeting as this may be an indicator of another issue. A Microsoft Form will be sent out to all teachers of the student to ensure the Tutor has up to date information about how they are doing in general. If there is not an improvement, then a second parent/carer meeting with the Tutor and Head of Year will need to take place. The Family Work and/or Pastoral Support Worker may also be invited to this second meeting.
- If a student continues to refuse to remove an item of jewellery or not wear our school uniform which they have at home after being in isolation and following a parental meeting, then a suspension will follow and the reintegration meeting with parents/carers will be with the Senior Leadership member linked to the year group or a Deputy Headteacher.
- The Uniform is non-negotiable, and parents/carers are expected to support the school by ensuring their children are wearing the correct uniform in the correct way (e.g. shirts tucked in). The headteacher can discipline a student for not wearing the school uniform and a student can be given suspension or permanent exclusion if they repeatedly ignore the uniform rules. (See the Government website <https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform>)

Uniform List is attached as Appendix A.

Uniform Flyers sent to parents Appendix

B: girls

C: Boys

D: PE

Images of Uniform sent to parents as Appendix E

Appendix A to Uniform Policy

YEARS 7-11

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL - SCHOOL UNIFORM AVAILABLE FROM PRESTIGE DESIGN & WORKWEAR, BARTON LE CLAY

PLEASE LABEL UNIFORM AND PE KIT CLEARLY. WE PICK UP VAST AMOUNTS OF LOST PROPERTY EVERY WEEK AND CANNOT RETURN IT BECAUSE IT HAS NO NAME ON IT. ALL WE CAN DO IS WASH IT AND RE-USE IT OR TAKE IT TO CHARITY SHOPS FOR RECYCLING.

YEARS 7-10 GIRLS COMPULSORY UNIFORM	ITEM	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
	ROYAL BLUE V-necked jumper with badge	Must be worn outside the skirt or trousers, not tucked in.
	Plain LIGHT BLUE school blouse, short or long sleeves, collared with a top button. (see flyer on website for picture)	Must be worn tucked in. These can be bought anywhere e.g. supermarkets.
	Clip-on Cardinal Newman Tie which will be different in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Ties purchased in September 2023 for Years 8, 9 and 10 as this is a change to our uniform midway through their time at Cardinal Newman School. Ties can be purchased from Prestige or from the school shop on ParentMail.
	Plain black skirt with NEWMAN embroidered on it.	Only available from Prestige. No unbranded skirts.
	Plain black trousers bootleg or straight leg (see flyer on website for picture)	No additional zips, labels etc. No jeans, no skinny fit. Trousers may be stretchy but must not cling all the way down to the ankle so must be loose on the ankle
	Sensible black shoes	No canvas, no trainers, no high heels, no boots above the ankle. No student should be wearing Nike, Adidas, Converse, Vans or any other branded trainers to school.
	Plain black or neutral tights/black or white socks	e.g. No frilly socks under ankle boots
YEAR 11 GIRLS COMPULSORY UNIFORM	MID-GREY V-necked jumper with badge	Must be worn outside skirt or trousers, not tucked in.
	Plain WHITE school blouse short or long sleeves, collared with a top button. (see flyer on website for picture)	Must be worn tucked in.
	Cardinal Newman Tie	Ties can be purchased from Prestige or from the school shop on Parentmail.
	Plain black skirt with NEWMAN embroidered on it.	Only available from Prestige No unbranded skirts
	Plain black trousers bootleg or straight leg (see flyer on website for picture)	No additional zips, labels, belts etc. No jeans, no skinny fit. Trousers may be stretchy but must not cling all the way down to the ankle. so must be loose on

		the ankle.
	Sensible black shoes	No canvas, no trainers, no high heels, no boots above the ankle. No student should be wearing Nike, Adidas, Converse, Vans or any other branded trainers to school.
	Black or neutral tights/black or white socks	e.g. No frilly socks under ankle boots
	Prefects: Clip on striped Prefects tie in blue and gold	Prefects only available from prestige or from the school shop on ParentMail.
GIRLS PE KIT (COMPULSORY)	Navy fitted polo shirt with badge	Only available from Prestige Girls can wear the unisex navy polo shirt with badge if preferred (not as tight fitting)
	Navy zipped training top with badge	Only available from Prestige
	Navy shorts with silver flash	Only available from Prestige
	Navy and White sports socks	Only available from Prestige
	Trainers and football boots	All girls do a module of football but only get the cheapest unless your daughter loves football.
	Gum shield and shin pads	Recommended
YEARS 7-10 BOYS COMPULSORY UNIFORM	Black blazer with badge	Available from Prestige
	LIGHT BLUE school shirt with long or short sleeves	Must be worn tucked in. These can be bought anywhere e.g. supermarkets.
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	Plain black trousers	No black jeans allowed
	Sensible black shoes	No canvas, no trainers, no high heels, no boots above the ankle. No student should be wearing Nike, Adidas, Converse, Vans or any other branded trainers to school.
	Black/dark grey socks	
BOYS 7-10 OPTIONAL UNIFORM	ROYAL BLUE V-necked jumper with badge	This does not replace the blazer but can be worn underneath the blazer.
YEAR 11 BOYS COMPULSORY UNIFORM	MID-GREY V-necked jumper with badge	YEAR 11 BOYS DO NOT WEAR BLAZERS
	WHITE school shirt with long or short sleeves	
	Clip on striped school tie	Available from Prestige
	Plain black trousers	No black jeans allowed
	Sensible black shoes	No canvas, no trainers, no high heels, no boots above the ankle. No student should be wearing Nike, Adidas, Converse, Vans or any other branded trainers to school.

	Black/dark grey socks	
	Prefects: Clip on striped Prefects tie (BLUE AND GOLD)	Prefects only available from Prestige or from the school shop on ParentMail
BOYS PE KIT	Navy Unisex Polo Shirt with badge	Available from Prestige
(COMPULSORY)	Reversible Rugby Shirt in Navy and Sky	Available from Prestige
	Navy shorts with silver flash	Available from Prestige
	Navy and White Sports socks	Available from Prestige
	Trainers and football boots	Any type
	Gum shield and shin pads	Recommended
OPTIONAL PE KIT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS	Training Top	For extra warmth if desired
	Training Pants	Like track suit bottoms
HAIR, MAKE-UP AND JEWELLERY	No extreme hairstyles, cuts or colours that are not natural hair tones.	Extreme means it draws attention and stands out from other students.
	No bandanas whether worn as scarves or as hairbands	These are often associated with gang membership, and we do not allow any additional items of this nature.
	No additional hair decorations such as bows or flowers	
	Make-up may be worn but must be discreet.	Discreet means it does not stand out and draw attention to itself e.g. bright red lipstick is not discreet, but a bit of lip gloss IS discreet. False eyelashes that stand up and out are not discreet but a bit of mascara on natural eye lashes is.
	Nails should not be long and pointed; nail varnish may be worn as long as it is not in bright or dark colours. Acrylic nails are not permitted in school.	Nails that are long and pointed are not safe in a school student environment. Acrylic nails are also not safe in a school environment.
	We do not allow any face or body piercings.	NOSE STUDS AND LIP OR TONGUE PIERCINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED
	Students may wear one small ring; one pair of small stud earrings and a small cross and chain ONLY	No bracelets, no additional necklaces or chains, no large earrings and no hoop earrings, no ankle chains etc.
	<i>Additional jewellery will be confiscated and returned at staff discretion dependent on how regularly they have been asked to remove it previously.</i>	
SCHOOL COATS, SCARVES and HATS	Outdoor coats must be plain, have sleeves (no gilets) and preferably be dark in colour. No denim, no hoodies or sweatshirt style/material tops.	We are sympathetic to the Be Bright, Be Seen Campaign and will not object to lighter colours or coats with fluorescent tabs on them.
	Scarves can be any colour but should not denote support for any club.	This means no football scarves or scarves representing a particular country. Scarves can not be worn inside the buildings.
	Hats should be plain (e.g. woolly hats in winter and caps in summer) and may be worn to school and outside at break and lunch when it is cold/hot.	Hats cannot be worn inside the buildings.

SCHOOL BAGS	School bags should be large enough to fit an A4 exercise book (unfolded). They should not denote membership of any club.	We recommend backpacks because they are better for the students' backs. Students should try to use their lockers so that they do not overload themselves with heavy books.
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This list is not exhaustive, and the school may make further additions to this list as deemed necessary.

All labelled items of main school uniform are available through Prestige, Unit 2, Barton Industrial Estate, Faldo Road, Barton Le Clay, Beds, MK45 4RP.

Please note that no other retailer has been approved to sell badged items of uniform.