

May 25th 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

Tavistock College Uniform and Expectations

We take great care and time in any potential change to the college policies and uniform is no different. Following two terms of research, meetings and gauging the opinions of staff, parents and students we would like to confirm what the Colleges compulsory and optional uniform will be from September 2018. Please note, there is no significant change to the compulsory uniform.

Compulsory uniform items;

- Black shoes, without logos or brands (available widely)
- Black trousers (not jeans, leggings or jeggings , skinny or slim fit i.e. not tight around the ankle)
- White shirt, worn tucked in (available widely)
- Tavistock College logo tie (available from Lawsons or from the College directly)
- Black Tavistock College logo blazer (available from Lawsons or School Trends)

Optional uniform items;

- Black Tavistock College logo v-necked black long-sleeved jumper may be worn underneath the blazer as an optional item but not as an alternative to the blazer. Cardigans are not accepted. (Available from Lawsons or School Trends)
- Black Tavistock College skirt embroidered with the Tavistock College logo, either A-line or pleated. (Only available from School Trends)
- Black Tavistock College tailored shorts embroidered with the Tavistock College logo, which can only be worn from May to the end of October. (Only available from Fitness For Sport – the same supplier as all PE kit items)

Physical Education Uniform Items (Available from Fitness For Sport and Lawsons and widely)

- Tavistock College polo shirt (Black with Orange logo)
- Tavistock College T-shirt (Black with Orange logo)
- Tavistock College shorts or skort or capri leggings
- Tavistock College socks
- Gum shield for contact sports
- Shin pads for football and hockey

Items that are highly recommended

- Studded boots for use on the astro and the field

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Optional extras

- Tavistock College Rugby shirt
- Tavistock College rain jacket
- Tavistock Hooded sweatshirt
- Tavistock College gym bag

School trends online shop

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/TavistockCollegePL198DD>

Fitness For Sport online shop

<http://fitnessforsport.co.uk/shop.php#!/Tavistock-College/c/28576398/offset=0&sort=normal>

Other expectations;

- PE/Music or other representative hoodies may only be worn for their specific activities and not instead of a blazer at any point during the College day.
- Jewellery – students may wear discreet unobtrusive jewellery, for example small earrings or studs and a single ring (to be worn in the ear only).
- A plastic retainer should be worn in any other piercing. Nose and lip rings are not permitted. Health and Safety regulations for some subjects such as PE, Performance Studies, DT and Science, may require jewellery to be removed.
- Make-up, nail polish and hair – natural, discreet colours only.

If for any reason an item cannot be worn for a short time, please provide a note explaining this. They will then be issued with a green slip by their Tutor. Parents will be informed if standards of uniform fall below College expectations.

We appreciate that some pupils in current Years 7-10 will have skirts or trousers that will still fit them in September **and meet school uniform guidelines**. For this reason, there will be a transitional period (of one academic year), so that uniform items that have been cleared by us can still be worn until new uniform needs to be purchased, up to September 2019 where the expectation is that everyone will wear the uniform listed above.

However, if uniform does not meet the guidelines outlined above, parents will be contacted and asked to ensure that new uniform is purchased that does meet these guidelines as soon as possible. This includes short skirts and skirts made of stretchy material.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and ensure all pupils are comfortable, but also smart and presentable in College.