



YSGOL RHOSNESNI
School Uniform and Equipment Policy

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Review schedule	As required

Rationale: At Ysgol Rhosnesni school uniform is an integral aspect of the school's ethos and the setting and maintaining of high standards. All students are expected to wear full school uniform correctly at all times and without exception. School uniform sets a smart business-like ethos amongst our students, which is conducive to creating a good working environment. It also gives due consideration to the health and safety of our students.

Aims: *Ysgol Rhosnesni High School Uniform Policy is based on the notion that school uniform can:

- Promote a sense of identity and cohesion within the school
- Encourage positive behaviour and self-discipline which supports teaching and learning
- Ensure students dress appropriately for learning activity
- Remove peer pressure to dress in particular fashions
- Enable students of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements
- Help reduce inequalities between students and help reduce some triggers for bullying
- Benefit safeguarding and attendance policies through helping to identify truants
- Assist identification of strangers on school premises
- Support and promote the ethos of the school

*(Draft statutory guidance for school governing bodies on school uniform and appearance policies 2019)

Students are expected to respect and comply with the school uniform policy and will be sanctioned if they fail to meet the agreed standards. The school will work with parents/carers to address any concerns or issues appropriately. The school uniform policy is reviewed annually in consultation with all stakeholders.

Please also see Ysgol Rhosnesni Uniform Guide and Information leaflet which details acceptable/unacceptable uniform styles.



School Uniform

Blue blazer (RAM – uniform supplier)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain school style blazer with school badge on the chest pocket. • Compulsory item to be worn at all times on the school premises. • Blazers can be removed inside the classroom at the discretion of the teacher only.
School tie (RAM and school office)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved school clip on ties only – blue and yellow stripes. • Prefect ties worn by selected Year 11 students - black and yellow stripes.
Plain white shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long or short sleeved collared shirt. • All buttons to be fastened on the shirt and tucked properly in at the waist. • Standard plain cotton - no polo shirts.
Black 'V' neck jumper (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain black 'V' neck jumper, with sleeves. • Not compulsory, but is the only acceptable garment if an additional layer is required over a shirt and under a blazer. • No round necked jumpers, cardigans, hoodies, patterned/coloured jumpers.
Plain black trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain, black, regular cut, full length trousers (see images attached for guidance) • No denim, cord, stretchable, skin tight or other non-standard material. • Trouser styles not permitted include: bootcut, flare, drainpipe, skinny, cargo, jeans, leggings, jeggings, chino and cropped calf length/ankle grazers. • No studded or fashionable belts are permitted - a plain black belt can be worn if there are trouser loops on the waistband.
Plain black skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plain black 'A' line or pleated knee length skirt (see the images attached for further guidance). • No denim, cord, stretchable or other non-standard material. • Tight fitting, skin tight, pencil, tube-like skirts must not be worn. • No splits in skirts.
Black tights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain, opaque black tights only. • No patterned tights or pop socks.
Black socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only plain black socks must be worn. • No trainer style socks. • No over the knee socks. • No knee high socks.
Black shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain black traditional formal style shoes. • Leather/leather style polishable shoes. • Strictly no boots or trainers permitted. • Slip on, 'velcro' straps or laced (eyes not hooks). • No canvas, fabric, Vans, stiletto, high heeled, open toe or sandal styles. • No suede shoes. • No logos, labels, decorative metal buckles or chains.
Outdoor clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coats must not be worn inside the school building. • Coats should be suitable for school, warm and waterproof. • Baseball caps and hats are unacceptable.
Turban and headscarf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For religious reasons some students may wish to wear alternative garments, (where this is the case the garment should not pose a health and safety risk).

Rulings on uniform issues

The Welsh Government wishes to support Headteachers and other school staff in maintaining high standards. Guidance clearly states that the school has a statutory power to make reasonable rules as a condition of admission. If the student fails to comply, and the school does not let the student in, it is unauthorised absence. The school has not excluded the student. The student's duty is to comply with the rules and to attend regularly. The Headteacher's decision is final regarding uniform issues.

Purchasing Uniform

The school has entered into partnership with **RAM Leisure, Whitegate Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL13 8UG (01978) 360360, www.ramleisure.com**. They are the only supplier of school uniform and logo items. The company is uniquely placed to be able to offer the purchase of good value, quality uniform and other essentials.

PDG – Access replaces the School Uniform Grant, came into effect from September 2018. For further details please visit WCBC website.

Other aspects of uniform

Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The school allows students to wear a limited amount of jewellery due to health and safety reasons.• No bracelets, rings or necklaces to be worn.• Students are allowed to wear a pair of plain gold or silver studs in each earlobe.• A conventional wrist watch is acceptable. No smart watches with internet access are permitted.• Body or facial piercings are NOT permitted.• The school reserves the right to insist on the removal of unacceptable items of jewellery. We will not accept the argument that jewellery has to worn on medical grounds.• No jewellery should be worn during PE lessons.
Hair styles and colours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Styles deemed to be 'extreme' are not permitted. These will include; full or partial shaving, patterns, lines etc.• Short hair must be a grade 2 minimum.• Only natural hair dyes are permitted.• Long hair will be tied and secured for health and safety reasons in practical subjects.
Make-up/Nails	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only natural looking and very discreet make-up is permitted. Where make-up is thought to be excessive, students will be asked to remove it.• No false eyelashes.• Synthetic/false nails are not allowed on health and safety grounds.• Natural nails should be short and trimmed. No coloured nail varnish is permitted.
Equipment/School bag	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A school bag is required to carry A4 size exercise books and folders.• Students require the following equipment; pencil case, pens, pencils and school planner.

Mobile Phones/Headphones

We would prefer students not to bring electronic equipment (for example mobile telephones) into school.

If a student brings their phone into school, we insist that the device is switched off and concealed safely in their bag whilst in the school grounds and buildings. Headphones must not be worn or be visible on the school site. Under no circumstances may mobile phones be used at break or lunchtimes. If mobile phones/headphones are seen in school, staff will confiscate them from students to be collected at the end of the school day (main reception). Students who persistently fail to comply with this rule will receive further sanctions.

In the case of an emergency parents/carers must not contact their child during school hours via their mobile phone. Please call school reception on 01978 340840 and a message will be passed to your child. Students may contact parents via the telephone in the main school office in an emergency.

The school cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to such personal effects detailed above, however caused. Similarly, the school will not investigate damaged, lost or missing devices.

PE KIT POLICY

Students are required to bring appropriate kit to all lessons. This consists of the following items:

KIT

Gymnastics	Swimming	Games
Black shorts	Costume/trunks	Black shorts
Pale blue polo shirt (logo)	Goggles	Dark tracksuit
Bare feet	Towel	Pale blue polo shirt (logo)
	Flip flops	Sweatshirt
		Clean trainers

Recycle School Uniform

A designated resource room operates to loan new and second hand uniform items to students where available. Year 11 students are offered incentives to donate uniform items before the end of the summer term so they can be recycled and made available for other students/families. We welcome donations of clean, good condition uniform.