

The Holmesdale School

Uniform Policy

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In our Trust we work to ensure that there is equality of opportunity for all members of our community who hold a range of protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, as well as having regard to other factors which have the potential to cause inequality, such as socio-economic factors. For further information, please see our Equalities Policy.

At The Holmesdale School we believe that excellent uniform is part of setting high academic standards and encourages students' self-confidence. As a result, students will need to adhere strictly to the following uniform requirements at all times. This means that uniform must be worn correctly both in and out of school, including the journey to and from school. Uniform encourages a sense of belonging to and pride for the school.

All uniform is available at Pages Schoolwear, Unit 7-8 Granada House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JR.

Some items can also be purchased from other retailers. Note: If you purchase a black blazer from a retailer other than Pages, you will need to purchase the school badge from Pages, to be sewn or ironed on to the breast pocket of the blazer.

Tel: 01622 753900 or order online: www.pages-schoolwear.co.uk

Compulsory Items for all students:

- Black blazer with school badge (if blazer is not purchased from Pages, a school badge can be purchased from Pages)
- Black trousers or pleated plaid skirt (purchased from Pages)
- School tie (purchased from Pages)

In colder weather a coat should be worn to and from school. This should not be a hoody and should be a dark colour.

For science, a protective garment is necessary for laboratory use and for Technology and Art, a white calico apron or other protective garment is essential. Hair should be tied back for practical activities.

Girls

- Black blazer with the school badge
- Pleated plaid skirt (note skirts must not be rolled up) or plain black trousers (must not be boot-cut, skinny legged, tight-fitting, jeans etc.)
- Plain black socks (to be worn under the knee and with no embellishments such as bows) or black tights
- Plain white shirt with collar (long or short sleeved)
- School tie (that conceals top button)
- Plain black V-neck jumper (optional)
- Plain black leather shoes (not plimsolls, canvas shoes, trainers, sandals, or boots etc.)
- Sensible dark coloured coat (no hoodies, tracksuit tops or jumpers allowed)

Boys

- Black blazer with the school badge
- Plain black trousers - straight legged (must not be boot-cut, skinny legged, tight-fitting, jeans etc)
- Belt buckles must be moderate, plain and without logos
- Plain white shirt with collar (long or short sleeved) that must be kept tucked in
- School tie (that conceals top button)
- Plain V-neck black jumper
- Plain black socks

- Plain, black, leather shoes (not plimsolls, canvas shoes, trainers, sandals or boots etc.)
- Sensible dark coloured coat (no hoodies, tracksuit tops or jumpers allowed)

PE Kit

Compulsory Items – polo shirt (with school logo), black shorts or skirt, socks

Optional Items – waterproof top, black tracksuit top, black tracksuit trousers (minimal branding/logos)

Make-up and hair

Any make-up must be discrete, as judged by staff

Fake tan is not permitted

Nail varnish and false nails, including gel nails, are not permitted – even if they are plain/French polished

Hair should be one sensible natural colour or style – extreme hair styles are not allowed

Only plain hairbands or clips can be worn to tie back hair

Jewellery, Electronic Devices & Banned Items

Other than a wrist watch, jewellery is not permitted. Please note that if students want to get their ears pierced, they should do so at the beginning of the school holidays as **all** piercings **must** be removed when they return to school.

The school accepts no responsibility or liability for the damage to, or loss of, items of jewellery, mobile phones, electronic items or personal items brought into the school. Please ensure that all clothing is named. Students who do not meet the uniform requirements may be sent home, by notification, to correct their uniform. Students may also spend time in Inclusion if their uniform is not acceptable.

Mobile phones and electronic devices (including headphones/earbuds) are allowed in school, at the students' own risk, but they must be turned off and stored out of sight in school bags. If seen, these items will be confiscated. Fizzy drinks (including diet drinks) and drinks with a high sugar content such as energy drinks (including Lucozade) are not allowed in school and will be confiscated. School approved drinks purchased from the school canteen are permitted. Other banned items include vapes, lighters, matches, tobacco products and hot chips (from the Hot Chip Challenge). Other items may be added to the banned list at the school's discretion.

The Sixth Form are allowed to wear clothing of their own choice provided that it is smart and business-like. Jeans and hoodies are not acceptable. (See separate 6th form dress code).

Students who are studying science must also have a lab coat.

All Students

Students are expected to take pride in their appearance and in wearing a uniform; this also aids identification by members of the public and is helpful when school parties visit other locations. Holmesdale students are also expected to behave well in public and be proud to be seen as a student from this school. This means;

- Top button fastened at all times, if wearing a tie. Ties must be done up to the button
- Skirts not rolled at the waistband and appropriate length
- Socks must be worn below the knee
- Shirt tucked in at all times
- Jewellery is not permitted
- Blazers to be worn at all times unless a teacher allows removal in the classroom. This includes entering and leaving the school
- Make up is not allowed unless it is discrete.
- False nails are not permitted.
- Nail polish is not permitted.
- No visible tattoos are permitted.
- Hair should be a natural colour and sensible classic style. Hair must not be worn as a fashion statement (for example tramlines or artistic decorative designs engraved in the hair). Cropped or shaved styles are not acceptable.
- Shoes must be black, polishable, leather, and sensible and sturdy for school. The following are not permitted:
 - Canvas shoes
 - Trainers/plimsolls/any shoe made by a sports company
 - Sandals/flip flops
 - Suede shoes
 - 'High' heels (3cm+)
- Fake tan is not permitted.

All items of clothing and equipment should be clearly named.

School Bag

An appropriate, waterproof and sealable bag should be purchased for the protection of all school items. Bags should be dark in colour and logos should be discreet. Fashion bags and handbags are not acceptable. A second bag may be needed for PE kit.