



# KING EDWARD VI HANDSWORTH WOOD GIRLS' ACADEMY

## Uniform, Appearance and Equipment Policy September 2020

### Values:

Scholarship – Character - Community

#### Intellectual Virtues

Reflection  
Critical Thinking

#### Moral Virtues

Tolerance  
Respect  
Gratitude

#### Civic Virtues

Social Justice  
Volunteering

#### Performance Virtues

Resilience  
Ambition  
Confidence



A word cloud containing the following values: Social Justice, Reflection, Gratitude, Confidence, Volunteering, Resilience, Tolerance, Ambition, Critical Thinking, and Respect. The words are arranged in a circular pattern with varying colors.

## Introduction

At King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy, we have high expectations and standards for our students. We encourage a professional environment, preparing our girls for the world of work and employability. King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy has a long-standing reputation in the local community for being a school that is well respected for its high standards. We encourage our students to wear their uniform with pride marking their distinct identity as part of the King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy community. We do not believe that 'fashion' or 'trends' should influence the school uniform. We promote professional conduct and presentation from students at all times.

## Purpose

The Purpose of wearing of uniform removes opportunities for peer pressure and bullying. All students are dressed to the same professional standard. Although the initial expense of a school uniform may be costly over time it is more affordable, avoids conflict and it is more manageable both for the students and their parents/carers.

## Scope

**This policy will be used by all staff in conjunction with the Academy's Behaviour and Attitudes Policy and will apply rewards and sanctions regarding uniform to all students.** The reporting of ongoing uniform issues by staff will require liaison with the Head of Year/Pastoral Manager who will act to resolve the issues and administer further sanctions as necessary. Any students not conforming to the regulation of the academy uniform policy and not willing to resolve any issues will be sanctioned in line with the Behaviour policy.

## Responsibility

Students and the wearing of the school uniform correctly is the responsibility of all members of the academy community – students, parents and staff. The wearing of school uniform is an essential requirement and should be worn to and from school as well as in and around school. We expect the full support of parents in maintaining a high standard of dress and presentation.

## School and Staff Commitment

### As members of staff we will:

- Regularly remind students of the school uniform rules and expectations in assemblies, form tutor time and in lessons.
- Recognise and praise efforts made by students who wear their uniform correctly using achievement points and logging these on Classcharts.
- Act as positive role models for students.
- Be approachable, responsive and alert to any problems at home that could cause difficulties with uniform and inform the student welfare team who will find a way in which to resolve the problem.
- Recognise, correct and issue sanctions for the incorrect wearing of the School Uniform in line with the School's 'Behaviour and Attitudes Policy'

**Persistent issues with uniform will be monitored by the student welfare team to ensure high expectations of uniform are maintained. Students whose uniform or appearance is not in line with the Academy dress code will work in the inclusion room until the matter is resolved. This ensures we are consistent and fair to all students and families.**



### Student Commitment

As students we will:

- Wear the correct items of clothing as stated in the School's Uniform and Appearance Policy.
- Wear the School's Uniform correctly eg. shirt tucked in.
- Wear the appropriate footwear as stated in the School's Uniform and Appearance Policy.
- Try our best to keep our uniform clean and presentable in school.

### Parental Commitment

As parents/carers we will:

- Give our full support in maintaining a high standard of dress and presentation and the correct wearing of school uniform to and from school as well as in and around school.
- Alert the student's Form Tutor or Head of Year/Pastoral Manager if a student has difficulty meeting the School Uniform requirements.
- Provide medical information or a letter from the GP if there are any medical reasons why the wearing of the School Uniform is difficult or needs modifying to meet that individual's needs.
- Provide students with the correct items of clothing for their School Uniform and restrict them from buying incorrect or inappropriate items.
- Help the student to maintain a clean and tidy appearance with their uniform and personal hygiene.

**The Uniform Consists of:** All year 7 to 11 students must wear the following:

- Academy blazer
- Long tailored trousers – no jeans, tight-fitting trousers or leggings
- Black pleated skirt which must be knee length
- Longer black skirts (to the ankles) are allowed for all
- Socks/tights - Black socks, ankle or knee length, or black tights. One or other must always be worn. Trainer socks are not permitted.
- Open white reverse blouse is compulsory for all
- A 'V' neck grey Academy jumper with Academy Logo and red stripe around neck and cuffs (optional)
- **Plain** black headscarf (optional). The headscarf must not have any adornments or fringes – only one must be worn.
- Students are allowed to wear a **dark** outdoor coat in addition to the above – not denim, leather or cord. Denim wear, sportswear, hoodies, baseball caps are **not allowed**.

### Hair

Hair should be natural in colour. Students are free to braid or plait their hair and wear coloured accessories if they wish to and feel it represents their cultural or ethnic heritage.

### Nails, Make Up

Nails should look natural. False nails are not allowed. Coloured nail polish is not allowed. Make-up if worn should be natural to the individual's skin tone and must be discreet. Fake eyelashes are **not allowed**.

### Jewellery

Students are not allowed to wear any jewellery to school other than one small stud earring in each ear. Each stud should measure no more than 0.5 cm and be of either plain gold or silver colour.

Students are allowed to wear nose studs however nose rings are **not allowed**.

### Shoes

Shoes should be black and made from leather or imitation leather and they must have no heel. Laces should be black. Trainers and canvas shoes are not acceptable.

**(Boots only allowed during inclement weather, standard school shoes to be worn all year round)**

If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of any aspect of school uniform please contact your daughter's Head of Year/Pastoral Manager for advice before purchasing.

#### Acceptable footwear examples (that meet our requirements).



#### Prohibited footwear examples (that does not meet our requirements).



**Where to purchase King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy Uniform?**

*As an Academy we would obviously encourage students to wear the new uniform.*



 <p>KEHWGA Blazer from £29</p>	 <p>KEHWGA Jumper from £13.50</p>	 <p>White Revere Blouses from £13.50</p>	 <p>Black Pleated Skirt from £16</p>	 <p>Black Tailored Trousers from £14</p>
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**Buy online at**  
[www.gognaschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.gognaschoolwear.co.uk)

<p>OUR RETAIL STORE IS LOCATED AT</p> <p>CONTACT US ON</p>	<p><b>67/69 Rookery Road Handsworth Birmingham B21 9QU</b></p> <p><b>0121 523 5572</b></p>
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OPENING TIMES	
<b>OPENING TIMES (DURING TERM TIME)</b>	
Monday-Saturday	9:00am-5:30pm
Sunday	Closed
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS (6 WEEKS ONLY)</b>	
Monday-Saturday	9:00am-6:00pm
Thursday	9:00am-7:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm-3:00pm
Bank holiday in August	9:00am-3:00pm

## Physical Education Kit:

- Red and black KEHWGA PE top
  - Black KEHWG track pants or KEHWGA shorts
  - KEHWGA hoody (optional)
  - Sports socks
- All students who are well enough to be in school will be expected to bring and wear their PE kit to every PE lesson, even if they feel a little under the weather or are nursing an injury.
- Under the guidance of their PE teacher the student will be given a different practical role to carry out during this time and their condition will be taken into consideration.
- It is expected that all year 7 pupils have purchased their clothing needs before they start school in September.
- All items of Physical Education clothing must be clearly marked with the owner's name before kit is worn for the first time.
- To create a healthy and safe environment and to meet Health and Safety requirements all students are expected to remove all jewellery before engaging in any physical activity.
- We ask parents/carers to support this in seeing that any body piercing is only undertaken in the summer holiday so it has time to settle down before removal.



KEHWGA PE Top  
from £13



KEHWGA Hoody  
from £16



KEHWGA Skort  
from £10



KEHWGA Track Pant  
from £15



Sports Socks  
from £3

### School Equipment

All students must bring the following equipment to the academy every day:



**School Bag**



**Pen**



**Pencil**



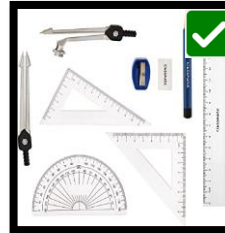
**Ruler**



**Rubber**



**Sharpener**



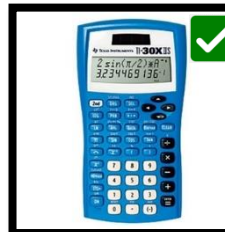
**Geometrical Instruments**



**Pencil crayons**



**Reading book**



**Scientific calculator**

- A school bag/rucksack suitable for carrying books, equipment and kit
- 2 pens and 2 pencils
- A ruler
- An eraser and sharpener
- Coloured pencil crayons
- Geometrical instruments for mathematics
- A scientific calculator
- A reading book

**Scissors and design technology craft knives must not be bought into the academy.** Students are allowed to bring a bottle of **still water** into the academy – fizzy drinks or fruit juice are **NOT** allowed





**Review date Spring 2023**

**Person Responsible: S. Devshi – Assistant Headteacher of Behaviour and Attendance**