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# Uniform at The Hurlingham Academy

## Uniform and appearance policy 2025-26

**A uniform which creates a close community and promotes high standards.**



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### Summary

Pupils at The Hurlingham Academy enjoy the sense of pride they get from wearing a smart uniform and the sense of community it fosters. As a result of the value and benefit derived from high standards of uniform, the school requires strict adherence to the uniform policy. If your child is not appropriately dressed, they will be asked to correct their clothing for the next school day. In September 2022, we introduced a new girls' skirt, made from the Hurlingham tartan. This was chosen by the school council, following consultation from parents and the wider school community. It will be longer-lasting than the previous school skirt, as there is no zip or panelling around the hips and the buttons can be moved. All KS3 girls must wear our new school skirt, while Year 10-11 girls can buy this skirt when their current skirt needs replacing.

The Hurlingham Academy school uniform is available to be bought from: <http://www.khalsaschoolwear.co.uk>  
Khalsa School Wear will be in The Hurlingham Academy on a Saturday in August 2025 with a range of their stock on sale in different sizes for the new academic year. The date will be advertised nearer the time.

School uniforms can be very expensive and we will always do what we can to support families in providing their child with a full school uniform. While we do run a shop selling second-hand uniform in very good condition, we also want to hear from parents who would like additional help. Therefore, please do speak to Ms. Quinton or to Ms. Reid.

We hold several non-uniform/mufti days each academic year and these are usually on the final day of the autumn, spring or summer terms. These days result from our commitment to listening to and rewarding students, but they are also helpful in our raising awareness of charity. It is crucial that families understand that 'dressing-down' on these days is entirely optional and that there are enough students who choose not to, for it not to isolate any. We know that many children can feel social or financial anxiety and stress from the pressure to dress in line with fashion. Subsequently, we want these days to be as inclusive and helpful as possible. Please ensure that all casual clothing worn on non-uniform days is appropriate to the weather and to a school context.

## Uniform for girls in Years 7-11

Item	GIRLS
Outer jackets and coats	Any sensible winter coat. No leather, denim or hoodies allowed in the academy.
Blazers	Navy blue with school crest.
Pullover	Navy blue with school crest.
Blouse	Open neck white blouse.
Skirt Trousers	THA tartan kilt (minimum length is just above the knee). These are not to be rolled over.
Socks and tights	Navy blue or black knee high socks Plain navy blue or black tights.
Shoes	Formal black leather school shoes. No trainers or canvas pumps allowed.
Rucksack	THA school bag.
Headscarf	Where a headscarf is worn for religious reasons, it must be plain and navy blue or black.

## PE Kit for girls in Years 7-11

Item	GIRLS
Rugby jersey <b>or</b> sports polo shirt.	Navy blue with school crest
Shorts <b>or</b> skort	Navy blue with school crest

Item	GIRLS
Socks	Navy and light blue socks
Jogging bottoms	Navy blue with school crest
Trainers, football boots, shin pads and gum shield	Outdoor football boots for winter term sports Indoor trainers - appropriate athletic trainers

Please note that on the days that students have PE, they are to wear their PE kits for the entire school day.

### Uniform for boys in Years 7-11

Item	BOYS
Outer jackets and coats	Any sensible winter coat. No leather, denim or hoodies allowed in the academy.
Blazers	Navy blue with school crest
Pullover	Navy blue with school crest
Shirt	Plain white buttoned shirt
Trousers	Charcoal <u>grey</u> trousers. Black leather belts - no designer belts with logo buckles.
Tie	The THA school tie.
Shoes	Formal black leather school shoes - No trainers or canvas pumps.
Socks	Plain navy blue, dark grey or black socks
Rucksack	THA school bag.

## PE Kit for boys in Years 7-11

Item	BOYS
Rugby jersey <b>or</b> sports polo shirt.	Navy blue with school crest
Shorts	Navy blue with school crest
Socks	Navy and light blue socks
Jogging bottoms	Navy blue with school crest
Trainers, football boots, shin pads and gum shield	Outdoor football boots for winter term sports Indoor trainers - appropriate athletic trainers

Please note that on the days that students have PE, they are to wear their PE kits for the entire school day.

## Boys' and girls' appearance Years 7-11

Our school uniform should be worn correctly at all times, including to and from the academy. Boys' shirts and girls' blouses should always be tucked in. Boys' ties should be worn properly at all times, reaching from the collar down to the waist with the top shirt button fastened. Boys' trousers should be worn properly without any sagging. Girls must always wear navy blue or black knee high socks or tights. Girls' skirts should be worn down to the knee and not be rolled over. No scarves are to be worn except where required by religion and these should be navy blue or black and plain. Crocs are never to be worn in the academy. They are not appropriate footwear for a school environment and can cause injury. When a child has a foot injury and a doctor recommends a more cushioned shoe, black trainers may be worn.

Nail polish, false nails or eye lashes are not allowed. Make-up, tattoos or henna are also not permitted. Jewellery should not be worn other than watches (no smart watches). If girls have pierced ears, only one pair of small round discreet (gold, silver, pearl) studs are permitted. Second or singular upper-ear or facial piercings of any kind are also not allowed. Boys are not to have any piercings.

Hair should not contain coloured dye, highlighting or coloured extensions. Patterns, shapes, uneven cuts such as Mohawks or shaved partings are also not allowed in the hair. Shaved eyebrows are also not permitted. Girls' hair accessories such as hair bands should be discreet and navy blue or black so as to complement the uniform.

Image and presentation matter and these school rules are non-negotiable. It is vital that our students take pride in their appearance and represent themselves, their families and our school well. The wearing of The Hurlingham Academy uniform and adhering to the appearance guidelines are integral parts of our school ethos. It instals a sense of community and belonging towards the school, it supports positive discipline and it promotes high standards amongst our students. It is these high standards which create a culture for learning and the outstanding GCSE results we produce.

### **PE Days**

Students are to wear their PE kits on the day when they have their timetabled PE lesson each week. This is in part to promote healthy lifestyles amongst our students as well as to maximise the time spent in PE lessons by removing the need to change. However, there are other benefits to this too. It evens out the wear and tear on expensive school uniforms making them last longer and it also removes the potential for clothing to be lost or misplaced in changing rooms.

### **Valuables and lost property**

Please do not allow your child to bring expensive items or large sums of money into the academy. Mobile phones are not to be seen in the academy. If seen or allowed to disrupt learning, they will be confiscated and will be returned only to parents. Please do not call the school asking for a mobile phone to be returned to a child, as they will only be returned to parents, who are welcome to collect it at their convenience. Mobile phones cause a number of social and peer issues which impact on learning and well-being and therefore we do not allow their use in school. The academy does not accept any responsibility for the loss or replacement of any items which ought not to be seen in the academy.

Pupils are expected to take responsibility for their property, taking care to keep belongings with them at all times. All items of clothing and equipment should be clearly marked with their name. Expensive items should not be brought into the academy. If pupils lose any items during the day they should report it to their form tutor. Pupils who find property should hand it in to their Head of Year immediately.

Juliette Quinton, September 2025