



## King's High School

# King's High School Uniform Requirements from Autumn Term 2024

### School Uniform Supply

**Stevensons** is the official supplier of school uniform (worn in KS3 and KS4) and PE kit (worn in KS3, KS4 and Sixth Form) to King's High School and items can be purchased online [www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk) or at the WSF onsite shop. Please find details of shop opening times on the website.

**Nearly-new uniform** is sold termly in school at the King's High Association for Parents and Staff (KHAPS) sales. Dates for these sales and information on how to sell uniform are published in the school calendar. The next sale is on Saturday 29 June 2024 from 10.00am-11.00am in the King's High Dining Hall. All students are now required to wear the new-style uniform which was introduced in September 2022. The old-style crested summer dress may continue to be worn.

### School Uniform and Appearance Code (Years 7 – 11)

The Uniform and Appearance Code has been drawn up through extensive consultation with students, staff, and parents. Their views have helped shape a clear whole-school approach to uniform and appearance which aims to be fair, inclusive, reasonable, and transparent. The justification for each aspect of the code was considered, paying due attention to wellbeing and inclusivity.

This guidance on uniform and appearance has been written with reference to the Department for Education Guidance on School Uniform, updated in 2021, and also the Department for Education Statutory Guidance on the Cost of School Uniforms, published in 2021. The requirements of the Human Rights Act 1998, the Equality Act 2010 and the guidance provided by the Halo Code for Afro-textured hair have been taken into account and consideration has been given to the impact of the policy on pupils who share a protected characteristic, in particular:

- religion or belief
- race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin)
- disability
- gender

### Guiding principles

- For uniform and appearance to be inclusive, smart, professional, affordable, comfortable and practical/safe.
- For as many students as possible to enjoy wearing their uniform and feel a sense of belonging and pride
- For the School Uniform and Appearance Code to have minimal impact on how students express their individuality outside of school
- To minimise both peer pressure and the pressure to follow particular fashion trends whilst at school
- To be transparent about the code and any procedures adopted for those who find it hard to conform, so the code is implemented in a consistent way that is fair to all.

Students should arrive at school daily, looking smart in their appearance and wearing full uniform, unless a formal exemption has been made e.g. for a school trip. The Head may grant exceptions from any part of the uniform code but in most instances, this will relate to instances of religious observance or medical need. All uniform, games kit and personal possessions must be clearly marked with the owner's name.

## Uniform and Appearance Checklist (Years 7 – 11)

Items marked \* must be purchased from Stevensons:

<p><b>Mock kilt*</b>  <b>KS 4 skirt*</b>  <b>Trousers *</b>  <b>Summer dress *</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students may choose to wear the skirt or full-length regulation trousers. Summer dress (optional) may be worn in the Summer Term and until Autumn Half Term.</li> <li>• In KS 3, skirts and dresses are worn on the knee or below throughout the year and should be bought at a length appropriate to allow for growing room. Waistbands are adjustable to aid with fitting.</li> <li>• In KS 4, skirts and dresses must be worn at approximately knee level or below the knee. A skirt or dress which is being worn at around 5 cm or more above the knee will be deemed inappropriate. Waistbands are adjustable to aid with fitting.</li> <li>• Skirts and dresses tend to ride up when a bag is being carried and allowance should be made for this when purchasing so that the expectations can always be adhered to.</li> <li>• In KS 4, the optional back-pleat skirt may be worn as an alternative to the mock kilt.</li> <li>• The style of the skirt or dress must not be altered in any way and skirts and dresses must not be rolled or hitched up in any way.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Blazer *</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students may choose to remove their blazer, without permission, during a lesson but should wear it daily for arrival and departure from school and when moving around school. It is also required for formal occasions including all assemblies.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Blouse</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White revere blouse may be short sleeved or long-sleeved</li> </ul>
<p><b>V-neck jumper*</b>  <b>Sleeveless slipover*</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be purchased from Stevensons to ensure colour match</li> <li>• The slipover may be worn as an alternative to the jumper.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tights</b>  <b>Socks</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black tights or black knee-length socks may be worn with the skirt, dress or trousers</li> <li>• White ankle socks (optional) may be worn with the skirt or dress only during the Summer Term and first half of the Autumn Term</li> </ul>
<p><b>School shoes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black leather shoes (not trainer style) must be worn</li> <li>• Charles Clinkard of Warwick have a range of suitable shoes, but other stores can be used as long as the guidelines are met</li> <li>• Suitable shoes should fully cover the front of the foot, offer arch support and securely stay on the foot</li> <li>• The shoes should have arch support and a low black heel</li> </ul>
<p><b>Outdoor clothing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overcoat (optional) in navy or black may be worn to and from school and outside only</li> <li>• Hats, gloves and outdoor scarves, in traditional style in any colour, may be worn to and from school and outside only</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rucksack</b>  <b>School bag</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In KS 3 school items are carried in a rucksack which must be predominantly blue or black</li> </ul>

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<b>Hair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessories, including those worn for religious reasons and those worn by those with Afro-textured hair, should match either the uniform colours (black, blues or white) or the natural colour of the hair.</li> <li>• Hair colour should be of a single tone and within the range of natural hair colours</li> <li>• We follow the Halo Code guidance for Afro-textured hair</li> </ul>
<b>Make-up etc.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A natural look is required with no visible make up, mascara or false eyelashes, acrylic nails, nail varnish, fake tan etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Jewellery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A wristwatch is permitted but smart watches that work independently of mobile phones are not allowed. All smart watches will be banned from September 2025 and the wearing of them is already strongly discouraged</li> <li>• One single pair of small, plain studs may be worn in the ear lobe with the bottom of the lobe visible</li> <li>• Earrings cannot be worn for any form of Physical Education lesson or sports activity. Students will be asked to remove them before taking part in a physical activity and must not wear them to school if they are not capable of removing them. This should be taken into consideration when ear piercing is being planned as, for safety reasons, there can be no exceptions</li> <li>• An item of religious jewellery may be worn discreetly only if a written request is received from a parent and a jewellery pass issued</li> <li>• No facial piercing jewellery is permitted</li> </ul>