

# Uniform Policy and Guidance Year 7 -11

JOHN TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL



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Local Governing Board

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School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and sets an appropriate tone. It instils pride, supports positive behaviour and discipline, and encourages identity with the school. At John Taylor High School, we take pride in our identity as one community and expect all students to wear the full uniform, wear it appropriately and that this expectation will be supported by parents. Uniform also acts as a protective measure for children from social pressures to dress in a particular way.

This school uniform and PE kit policy and guidance is for all students in Year 7 to 11 from September 2024.

All required branded items of the John Taylor High School uniform and PE kit will be fully stocked and available from the school specific uniform suppliers listed at the end of this document. Non branded items can be purchased from other retailers. Please contact the school if you are unsure about any of the uniform policy or guidance before purchasing.

### School uniform

Please ensure you follow the uniform guidance below to ensure the uniform purchased is appropriate:

Item	Guidance
<b>The items listed below are only available from the official uniform stockists (see the end of this document)</b>	
Navy School Suit Jacket	Featuring the school logo with two styles available.
Tie	2 styles, one for Lower School (Years 7, 8 and 9) and one for Upper School (Years 10 and 11)
Skirt	Charcoal and blue check, available in one style. A charcoal Kameez can be worn but the shirt and tie should be visible.
House pin badge	Please buy the appropriate colour for the allocated house. New Year 7 students will be informed of their house group during induction day in the June/July prior to their start. Marchington – Yellow Kingstone – Red Sherwood – Green Needwood - Blue
<b>The uniform items listed below are available from other retailers</b>	
Trousers	Plain, dark charcoal grey tailored trousers. Trousers should <b>not</b> be lycra material or be in the style of jeans. No decorative additions are permitted. Uniform stockists listed at the end of this document can advise and stock several appropriate styles.
Shirt/Blouse	Plain white, with a formal collar. Short or long sleeve styles are acceptable, but they must be long enough to tuck into the waistband of skirt or trousers.
V Neck Jumper	Optional, charcoal grey, v neck knitted jumper. This can be long or no sleeve. Sweatshirt and hooded style jumpers are not permitted.
Footwear	Plain black, standard school shoes only ( <b>no trainer or trainer style</b> shoes are permitted). School shoes should not bear any sport logos. Plain black, flat boots may be worn with trousers and sit underneath the trousers between October and February half term.
Socks/Tights	Plain black or natural-coloured tights (not patterned). Plain, unbranded, black or grey socks. Any socks worn, should be ankle socks only. Longer socks and knee length socks are not permitted.
Belts	Plain black, traditional style buckle.
Plain charcoal or navy Hijab	Hijabs should be secured with hair grips if necessary.

**If you are unsure about any of the uniform guidance above, please contact the school before making any purchases. Please ensure all uniform items are named. Any items of uniform worn that are deemed to infringe the school uniform policy will be raised with parents and need to be replaced.**

## PE Kit

The PE Department takes pride in the kit that the students wear both on site and whilst representing the school during fixtures. The PE kit provides a clear identity and ensures that there are no health and safety concerns. It is advised that students name their kit and PE bag.

Please ensure you follow the uniform guidance below to ensure the uniform purchased is appropriate:

Item	Guidance
<b>Compulsory Items – Available only for our uniform stockists.</b>	
School T -shirt	Navy featuring the school logo, one style available.
School Shorts	Navy, one style available.
School Reversible Rugby Shirt	Navy featuring the school logo. For Rugby and Football lessons only.
School Rugby Short	For Rugby lessons only.
<b>Compulsory Items – Available for other retailers.</b>	
Navy knee length sports socks	
Navy blue Base Layer/Skins	Top and bottom for layering and warmth
White ankle socks	
Sports trainers	Not fashion trainers, non-marking soles
Shin pads and gum shield	
Football boots	For football and rugby lessons
<b>Optional items – Available only from our uniform stockists.</b>	
Navy School tracksuit bottoms	Optional full leg for layering.
Skort	Alternative to Shorts.
School Reversible Rugby Shirt	As an optional item for an extra layer of warmth.
<b>Optional items – Available from other retailers.</b>	
Navy Hijab	Appropriate style to suit physical activity, secured with hair grips if necessary.

**If you are unsure about any of the uniform guidance above, please contact the school before making any purchases. Please ensure all PE kit items are named.**

John Taylor High School has some simple conduct expectations on personal presentation. All students are expected to follow these expectations consistently and without question when on the school site:

- The school suit jacket is to be worn at all times. During the summer term the Head Teacher may inform of non-school suit jacket days if the weather is warm. Students may ask to take their school suit jacket off if they are hot in lessons, but they must leave lessons with them on.
- The school skirt must be worn at the length it is purchased. Any skirts that have been rolled or adapted at home to alter length will be subject to an orange uniform reminder being issued and if necessary, a request for a new skirt to be purchased.
- An optional V neck knitted charcoal jumper should be worn with the school suit jacket, not in place of.
- V neck jumpers should be knitted, sweatshirt material V neck jumpers are not permitted.
- Shirts should always remain tucked in.
- Tie worn with the top button of the shirt done up and the condition of the tie maintained.
- We encourage wearing suitable coats during cold periods. Coats may be worn in the school building but taken off as soon as entering the classroom.
- When wearing a coat, students must wear their school suit jacket underneath.
- A suitable school bag large enough to carry exercise books and equipment.
- Extremes of fashion relating to any item of clothing, hairstyle or appearance will not be permitted. No fashion branded clothing or accessories are permitted.
- Hooded jumpers and sweatshirts are not permitted to be worn at any time in school.

## Hair

- Students are required to keep hair colour natural.
- Cuts below a grade 1 or styles including undercuts and tramlines are not permitted. Students must not have lines shaved in their eyebrows.
- Consideration to the points above should be made during the school holidays to ensure hair styles meet the guidance on the students' return.
- Student head wear is not permitted with the exception of those worn for race, religion, or disability purposes. In these circumstances, if head wear requires securing this should be done with hair grips not pins.

## Make up

- Make up is not permitted in Lower School, across years 7, 8 and 9.
- Make up worn by students in Upper School, across years 10 and 11 should be natural.
- Any make up worn beyond the guidance provided, should be removed on request.
- Nails should be short and without elaborate varnish and design. Nail extensions and varnish are not permitted, and the school will request for it to be removed.
- Eyelash extensions or stick-on eyelashes are not permitted.

## Jewellery

- One set of plain studs are permitted in the lower lobes. Any other piercings are not permitted, and if present will need to be removed on request.
- Students may wear a wristwatch.
- Smart watches may be worn as a wristwatch. Whilst on school site, smart watch function must be limited to time checking only. Any additional smart watch functions are not permitted whilst on school site. Please note that during exams, no watches, including smart watches are permitted to be worn. More information on this can be found the exams policy and procedures.
- Rings, bracelets, necklaces and neck chains are not permitted.
- Students will need to remove wrist watches and ear piercings for their PE lessons. Any jewellery worn to school is at the owner's risk.
- New ear piercing should be avoided during the school year. Ear piercings must be removed for PE lessons despite healing time.

## Coats, scarves, hats and gloves

- Coats need to be worn over the school suit jacket only and should not be worn in place of.
- Scarves, hats and gloves are permitted but should not be worn anywhere inside the building.
- Over the head hoodies or zip up style hoodies of a sweatshirt or sport material must not be worn in school or as a coat.

**If you are unsure about any of the uniform guidance above, please contact the school before making any purchases. Adaptations can be considered because of race, religion, disability and any other protected characteristic through communication and discussion with the school.**

## Uniform Infringements

Any infringement of uniform in school will result in the following actions:

- The student will receive a warning.
- The infringement is rectified immediately where possible – e.g. tuck in shirt.
- Any items that are not permitted in school such as jewellery or hooded jumpers will be confiscated until the end of the school day where it can be collected from the relevant school office by the student.

In the case of 5 uniform warnings across a half term, students will receive an after-school detention.

#### Mobile phones and Smart Watches

Please note that the school are not responsible for damage or loss of any mobile phones or smart watches that are brought into school.

- Mobile phones use is not permitted in school.
- Use of smart watches is for time telling purposes only. No other smart watch function should be used whilst on school site.

Should a mobile phone be used or a smart watch used other than for time telling on school site:

On the first occasion of inappropriate use on school site, the mobile phone/smart watch will be confiscated and can be collected by the student from their school office at the end of the day.

On the second and subsequent occasion, the mobile phone/smart watch will be confiscated and must be collected at the end of the school day by a parent/carer.

#### School Uniform Cost

John Taylor High School has implemented the Department for Education Cost of School Uniform Guidance when developing the school uniform and PE kit. The school uniform and PE kit:

- Limits the branded items required whilst maintaining a sense of belonging and identity for our students, promoting the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone for education.
- Provides opportunities for uniform and PE kit items to be purchased through wider retailers other than school specific uniform providers.
- Allows for items to be passed down to siblings and second-hand sharing by removing any house specific colours or emblems.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>

The school accept donations of uniform and PE kit so that these can be requested/shared within our school community. If you would like to check current school stock of second-hand uniform, please contact the appropriate school office. Parents/carers are welcome to use local groups on social media platforms to share/donate unwanted uniform and PE kit, these groups are not affiliated with the school.

The YMCA in Burton on Trent accept donations of John Taylor High School uniform and PE Kit and act as a location for the purchase of second-hand items.

YMCA Charity, 24 Borough Road, Burton on Trent. 01283 547133

#### **Uniform Stockists**

Compulsory items of uniform and PE kit, only available from our school specific uniform providers should be purchased from one of the following stockists:

##### **My Uniform Limited**

82 Wellington Street, Burton on Trent, DE14 2DS. Tel 01283 619224    Contact Janine Hipkiss

Website [www.myuniformltd.co.uk](http://www.myuniformltd.co.uk)

##### **WB Schoolwear**

20 Bells End Road, Walton on Trent, DE12 8ND.    Tel 01283 711538    Contact Mandy To

Website: [www.wbglobaltrading.co.uk](http://www.wbglobaltrading.co.uk)

Pupils Schoolwear

35 West Street, Swadlincote, DE11 9DN.

Tel: 01283 224512    Contact Krys Czerpak

Website: [www.pupilsschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.pupilsschoolwear.co.uk)