

UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE

The governors of Cardinal Newman Catholic School support the wearing of a school uniform in order to help fulfill the aims of the school, in particular those listed below:

- ❖ *To be a Catholic community recognised by our love of God and of our neighbour*
- ❖ *To value and respect ourselves and all others.*

We believe wearing a uniform has many advantages:

- Promotes equality of opportunity for all pupils, social cohesion amongst pupils and protection from social pressure to dress in a particular way.
- Helps give the pupils of the school a sense of identity, belonging and positive self-image.
- Gives the school a well respected profile and supports its Catholic, Christian ethos.
- Creates a culture of high expectations and high achievement within the school.

PROVISIONS

- All students, except sixth formers, are required to wear full school uniform.
- The uniform is designed to be acceptable to students, parents and staff and to be suitable (in terms of safety and comfort) for the range of activities pupils enjoy at school. Uniform is not about fashion and the expectation is that students will not add fashion items to their uniform or wear alternative 'more fashionable' versions of school uniform.
- New students are given a Prestige uniform list, from which badged uniform can be ordered on line, before they arrive. Items of uniform are also available in person from Prestige Design & Workwear Ltd, Unit 2, Barton Industrial Estate, Faldo Road, Barton Le Clay, Beds, MK45 4RP. (Tel 01582 883222)
- The uniform list is published on the school website, in the student planner and in information sent out to new parents. Reminders about the uniform details are sent out to all students at least once a year. Items are priced competitively and the overall cost of the school uniform is kept as low as possible.
- Occasionally, changes are made in consultation with the students, parents and staff.
- Through the Friends of Newman Association all parents have access to good quality second-hand uniform items at considerably reduced prices.
- Requests to vary the uniform to meet the needs of individual pupils, e.g. for medical or religious reasons, will be carefully considered. However, in adopting this policy the governors have taken all possible steps to ensure that it is fair and reasonable, is non-discriminatory and acceptable to the majority. It would not be practical or productive to vary the rules except in the most compelling of circumstances.
- On Non-Uniform days it is expected that students will wear appropriate clothing for school (see Appendix A)

MONITORING

- All staff are involved in monitoring the standard of school uniform. If a pupil is not adhering to the uniform policy, the school will sign the Standards' Card (in the Student's Planner). Anyone receiving six signatures in a term (full-term not half-term) will receive a Friday Night Detention with the Headteacher. The reason for 'six' signatures is so that if a student were to get his/her planner signed every day for six days, there would always be a weekend within those six days when a parent could replace items of incorrect/broken uniform.

- Tutors and Heads of Year have a special responsibility to check frequently and follow up on any breaches of the uniform.
- If a pupil persistently fails to observe the school uniform policy, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will contact parents and explain that their son / daughter will only be allowed back into school when the problem has been remedied.
- The Uniform is non-negotiable and parents are expected to support the school by ensuring their children are wearing the correct uniform in the correct way (e.g. shirts tucked in). The head teacher can discipline a student for not wearing the school uniform and a student can be given a fixed or permanent exclusion if they repeatedly ignore the uniform rules. (See the Government website <https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform>)

Uniform List is attached as Appendix A.

Appendix A to Uniform Policy

YEARS 7-11

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL - SCHOOL UNIFORM AVAILABLE FROM PRESTIGE DESIGN & WORKWEAR, BARTON LE CLAY

PLEASE LABEL UNIFORM AND PE KIT CLEARLY. WE PICK UP VAST AMOUNTS OF LOST PROPERTY EVERY WEEK AND CANNOT RETURN IT BECAUSE IT HAS NO NAME ON IT. ALL WE CAN DO IS WASH IT AND RE-SELL IT OR TAKE IT TO CHARITY SHOPS FOR RECYCLING.

YEARS 7-10 GIRLS COMPULSORY UNIFORM	ITEM	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
	ROYAL BLUE V-necked jumper with badge	Must be worn outside the skirt or trousers, not tucked in.
	Plain LIGHT BLUE school blouse, short or long sleeves, revere collar <i>(see flyer on website for picture)</i>	Must be worn tucked in.
	Plain black skirt with NEWMAN embroidered on it.	Only available from Prestige
	Plain black trousers bootleg or straight leg <i>(see flyer on website for picture)</i>	No additional zips, labels etc. No jeans, no skinny fit. Trousers may be stretchy but must not cling all the way down to the ankle.
	Sensible black shoes	No canvas, no trainers, no high heels, no boots above the ankle. Nike, Addidas, Converse do not make school shoes.
	Plain black or neutral tights/black or white socks	e.g. No frilly socks under ankle boots
YEAR 11 GIRLS COMPULSORY UNIFORM	MID-GREY V-necked jumper with badge	Must be worn outside skirt or trousers, not tucked in.
	Plain WHITE school blouse Short or long sleeves, revere collar (except prefects see below) <i>(see flyer on website for picture)</i>	Must be worn tucked in.
	Plain black skirt with NEWMAN embroidered on it.	Only available from Prestige No pleated skirts or unbranded skirts
	Plain black trousers bootleg or straight leg <i>(see flyer on website for picture)</i>	No additional zips, labels, belts etc. No jeans, no skinny fit. Trousers may be stretchy but must not cling all the way down to the ankle.
	Sensible black shoes	No canvas, no trainers, no high heels, no boots above the ankle. Nike, Adidas, Converse do not make school shoes.
	Black or neutral tights/black or white socks	No frilly white or coloured socks under ankle boots
	Prefects: WHITE SHIRT THAT BUTTONS UP AT THE COLLAR	Prefects only

	Prefects: Clip on striped Prefects tie in blue and gold	Prefects only
GIRLS PE KIT (COMPULSORY)	Navy fitted polo shirt with badge	Only available from Prestige Girls can wear the unisex navy polo shirt with badge if preferred (not as tight fitting)
	Navy zipped training top with badge	Only available from Prestige
	Navy shorts with silver flash	Only available from Prestige
	Navy and White sports socks	Only available from Prestige
	Trainers and football boots	All girls do a module of football but only get the cheapest unless your daughter loves football.
	Gum shield and shin pads	Recommended
YEARS 7-10 BOYS COMPULSORY UNIFORM		
	Black blazer with badge	Available from Prestige
	LIGHT BLUE school shirt with long or short sleeves	These can be bought anywhere e.g. supermarkets.
	Clip on striped school tie	Available from Prestige
	Plain black trousers	No black jeans allowed
	Sensible black shoes	No canvas, no trainers, no boots above the ankle. Nike, Addidas, Converse do not make school shoes.
	Black/dark grey socks	
BOYS 7-10 OPTIONAL UNIFORM	ROYAL BLUE V-necked jumper with badge	This does not replace the blazer but can be worn underneath the blazer.
YEAR 11 BOYS COMPULSORY UNIFORM	MID-GREY V-necked jumper with badge	YEAR 11 BOYS DO NOT WEAR BLAZERS
	WHITE school shirt with long or short sleeves	
	Clip on striped school tie (BLUE AND SILVER)	Available from Prestige
	Plain black trousers	No black jeans allowed
	Sensible black shoes	No canvas, no trainers, no boots above the ankle. Nike, Addidas, Converse do not make school shoes.
	Black/dark grey socks	
	Prefects: Clip on striped Prefects tie (BLUE AND GOLD)	Available from Prestige
BOYS PE KIT (COMPULSORY)	Navy Unisex Polo Shirt with badge	Available from Prestige
	Reversible Rugby Shirt in Navy and Sky	Available from Prestige
	Navy shorts with Silver flash	Available from Prestige
	Navy and White Sports socks	Available from Prestige
	Trainers and football boots	Any type
	Gum shield and shin pads	Recommended
OPTIONAL PE KIT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS	Training Top	For extra warmth if desired
	Training Pants	Like track suit bottoms
HAIR, MAKE-UP AND JEWELLERY	No extreme hairstyles, cuts or colours	Extreme means it draws attention and stands out from other students.
	No bandanas whether worn as scarves or as hairbands	These are often associated with gang membership and we do not allow any

		additional items of this nature.
	No additional hair decorations such as bows or flowers	
	Make-up may be worn but must be discreet.	Discreet means it does not stand out and draw attention to itself e.g. bright red lipstick is not discreet but a bit of lip gloss IS discreet.
	Nails should not be long and pointed; nail varnish may be worn as long as it is not in bright colours	False nails that are long and pointed are not safe in a school student environment.
	We do not allow any face or body piercings.	NOSE STUDS AND LIP OR TONGUE PIERCINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED
	Students may wear one small ring; one pair of small stud earrings (one earring per ear!) and a small cross and chain ONLY	No bracelets, no additional necklaces or chains, no large earrings and no hoop earrings, no ankle chains etc.
	<i>Additional jewellery will be confiscated and returned at the end of a half-term.</i>	
SCHOOL COATS, SCARVES and HATS	Outdoor coats must be plain, have sleeves and preferably be dark in colour.	We are sympathetic to the Be Bright, Be Seen Campaign and will not object to lighter colours or coats with fluorescent tabs on them.
	Scarves can be any colour but should not denote support for any club.	This means no football scarves or scarves representing a particular country.
	Hats should be plain (e.g. woolly hats in winter and caps in summer) and may be worn to school and outside at break and lunch when it is cold/hot.	Hats cannot be worn inside the buildings.
SCHOOL BAGS	School bags should be large enough to fit an A4 exercise book (unfolded). They should not denote membership of any club.	We recommend back packs because they are better for the students' backs. Students should try to use their lockers so that they do not overload themselves with heavy books.

SIXTH FORM

SIXTH FORM	Sixth Form students may wear their own clothes.	No 'revealing' items of clothing
	Clothing should be modest and in keeping with a working sixth form environment within a comprehensive school.	No very short shorts or very short mini-skirts
		No visible underwear and no bare midriffs
		No inappropriate slogans on T shirts
	As a rule of thumb students should be covered from 'the neck to the knees' .	No Hats to be worn in side.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

NON-UNIFORM DAYS FOR YEARS 7-11	Students can wear their own clothes but they must be appropriate for a school environment.	No 'revealing' items of clothing
	As a rule of thumb students should be covered from 'the neck to the knees' .	No very short shorts or very short mini-skirts
		No visible underwear and no bare midriffs
		No inappropriate slogans on T shirts
		No Hats to be worn in side.

This list is not exhaustive and the school may make further additions to this list as deemed necessary.

All labelled items of main school uniform are available through Prestige, Unit 2, Barton Industrial Estate, Faldo Road, Barton Le Clay, Beds, MK45 4RP.

Please note that no other retailer has been approved to sell badged items of uniform.