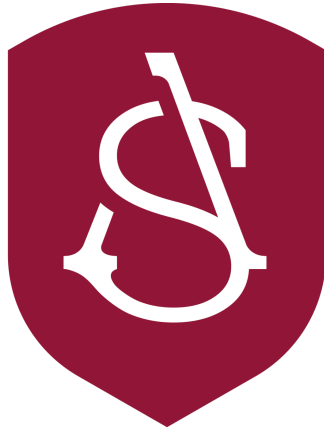




ASHLAWN
SCHOOL

Uniform and Standards of Appearance Policy

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1. Ashlawn School Uniform Policy

At Ashlawn School we are preparing our students for life beyond school and recognise that it is therefore important that students are used to following standards of dress as specified by the organisation for which they may work. We expect all students in years 7-11 to attend school wearing full school uniform as per the policy. Sixth Form students' expectations are to wear appropriate business dress, broadly in line with the TLET staff dress code.

It is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure students are dressed appropriately for the school day. Students will be asked to wear uniform provided by school or parents/carers may be called to rectify the uniform by bringing in appropriate school dress on the day. Any refusal would result in them being withdrawn from lessons for the day.

We ask parents and carers to support these expectations and ensure that their child is in the correct school uniform or has a business-like appearance every day. The school reserves the right to decide on the suitability of any items of clothing and business-like appearance. Should parents/carers be unsure about anything, we urge you to contact us before purchasing school uniform items, including footwear, or making changes to appearance.

Uniform and Standards of Appearance

The UK Department for Education issued new statutory guidance to schools regarding the cost of school uniforms in October 2025. They made clear that they believe school uniforms should help to build a sense of identity and community among pupils and with their school. To do this, it must be affordable. Affordability should never be a barrier to the schools for which parents apply or the activities in which children can participate.

Schools need to think about the total cost of uniforms, taking into account all the items that parents will need to provide while their child is at the school.

All branded items should be kept to a minimum.

From September 2026.

- schools should limit the number of compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to 3 or fewer
- secondary and middle schools should limit the number of compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to 4 or fewer, if one is a tie

The new guidance states that, by September 2026, schools must ensure that their uniform meets the requirements of the new guidelines. As a result Ashlawn School will make the necessary changes to meet the expectations of the new guidelines, as follows:

- branded items are limited to those uniform items that maintain the Ashlawn culture while meeting statutory guidance or where items are relatively low-cost (e.g. a school tie).

Ashlawn School's uniform conforms with these requirements.

- generic items should not be branded, though it is appropriate to require a particular colour or style so long as these items would be widely available from low-cost retailers (e.g. school shirts, socks).

Ashlawn school's uniform conforms with the strategic guidelines.

- branded school uniform items should be machine washable.

Ashlawn School's uniform conforms with this requirement.

- school required PE tops may be branded but pupils should not be required to wear different clothes for different activities (e.g. different shorts for football and hockey), Ashlawn School works with trusted local supplier Webb Ellis, who also supply almost all secondary schools in Rugby Borough.
- Ashlawn School has a second-hand uniform shop arranged by the Ashlawn PTA.

Webb Ellis' website has the most up to date price information here:

[Webb Ellis Ashlawn](#)

2. Year 7-11 Uniform

Core Uniform:

- Ashlawn School logo polo shirt (Burgundy for Y7-9 and Black for Y10-11)
- Black, smart, tailored trousers (please note that trousers should be full length, in a fabric suitable for formal wear and with a button and a zip. Trousers that have rivets or stitching like jeans are not permitted. Leggings are not permitted)
- A plain black V neck jumper or cardigan
- Plain black leather or leather look shoes
- Coats and outer garments should be black, dark grey or navy blue
- School branded skirt or shorts

Optional Uniform Items:

- Ashlawn branded PE tracksuit bottoms
- Ashlawn School logo knitted jumper/cardigan (if student wishes to wear a jumper)

Please note students can only wear a pleated Ashlawn skirt with logo or shorts with a logo. No other skirts or shorts will be permitted.

Jewellery

- Students may wear one pair of stud earrings.
- Students may wear a watch.
- Rings, bracelets and necklaces are not permitted. Negotiation will be considered for religious purposes
- Nose studs and facial piercings are not permitted

Students wearing additional jewellery will be asked to remove the jewellery, place it in an envelope and collect it at the end of the school day.

Hair

- Hair should be of a colour that is considered natural.

- Extremes of hair colour or style are not permitted. Longer hair will need to be tied back for PE and other practical activities and should not cover eyes during lessons.

Cosmetics

- Make up should be subtle
- Nails should be of a length suitable for all activities. Please note that students will need to file down long nails if they attend school with nails of an unsuitable length to safely participate.
- All nails, if painted, are a neutral colour.

PE Kit:

- Ashlawn School PE t-shirt
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or plain black lose-fitting PE shorts/skort
- Royal blue socks
- Trainers

Additional PE items:

- Rugby/football boots
- Gum shield
- Shinpads

Other branded PE items are also available to purchase but these items are not required.

We encourage parents and carers to purchase uniform items from the PTA uniform shop. Good quality pre-loved items are available at very low prices and making use of this option is brilliant for the environment.

Health and Safety

- Gum shields must be worn for rugby and any other contact sports as directed by staff.
- Shoes or boots worn for outdoor games may not be worn indoors.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn for PE at all times.
- All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.
- Nails must be of a reasonable length to participate in all activities.
- Design Technology/Food Technology – An apron suitable for practical work must be worn when using equipment in class as and when directed by staff

3. Sixth Form Dress Code

Sixth Form students are role models for our younger students in school. Sixth Form students need to select dress which is appropriate to the professional environment of school. Our dress code is business/ office wear. Those who dress or appear in a manner which could be viewed as politically offensive, discriminatory or inappropriate will render themselves vulnerable to criticism. The school's dress code for Sixth Form students is as follows:

Yes Please

- Smart trousers, dress or skirt with smart jacket
- Any tailored dress/skirt of an appropriate length
- Smart shirt / blouse or smart office-style round neck top of a sensible cut
- Ties are worn with a collared shirt
- Any jumper or cardigan should be fine knit
- Trousers should be tailored
- Office shoes, court shoes, dolly shoes, short office-style boots, smart sandals

- Light subtle make-up
- Hair colour and style must be appropriate for school.
- Clear nose stud only

No Thank You

- Extreme hairstyles, unnatural hair colour
- Facial piercings, ear stretchers, tongue piercings or visible tattoos
- Denim, sports trousers, short or tight skirts/dresses
- Hoodies, large or offensive logos, sweatshirts, sports tops, casual cardigans
- Sports shoes, canvas shoes, flip-flops, beach sandals, thigh-high or open boots. High or stiletto heeled shoes
- Tattoos and body art should be covered