



**LEIGHTON PARK**  
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## Leighton Park School Dress Code

The spirit of the School Dress Code, known as Collect Dress, is a unique feature of Leighton Park School. Our approach to the clothing worn during the School day is designed to instil all our students with a sense of responsibility, enabling them to be at one and the same time an individual whilst playing their part in a collective community effort to positively represent the School.

It is acknowledged that this unique approach is open to interpretation, and all students are asked to respect the view of the School. If requested to change an item of their clothing, they can expect to be presented with a reason, but should then respect this and change accordingly. Those who do not can expect to be treated through the behaviour, rewards and sanctions process.

The School community should appreciate that not every aspect of dress can be included in the School Dress Code, and as such, any omission should not be viewed as meaning it is acceptable to wear. The following points represent clear guidance as to the expectations of the School. The Deputy Head will have the final say on all Collect Dress matters and any decision taken by this post holder should be respected and followed.

We have made some adjustments to Collect Dress with the aim of ensuring that our students look smart, whilst preserving a sense of individuality. These changes are most noticeable in the Lower School and for PE/Games Kit. New items should conform to the dress code below but existing Leighton Park students do have a grace period until September 2021 to adapt and purchase new items.

Our overarching approach can be summarised simply:

- Students must be smartly presented
- Clothes and shoes are always expected to be clean and in good repair
- Clothes that would be considered appropriate in a modern business or office environment are welcomed
- Hair is to be clean and well-groomed off the face, without extremes of fashion or unnatural colour
- Beards and moustaches are not allowed at any time
- Good personal hygiene is expected.

We have three distinct codes of dress at Leighton Park:

### 1. Collect Dress is to be worn throughout the School day, 07:30 - 16:30

Please see guidance below by Year Group. Students should wear Collect Dress correctly and not untuck shirts or undo ties at any time. Students are either in Collect Dress or in own clothes.

### 2. Casual Dress may be worn in leisure or prep time after 16:30

All students must wear clothes that are in good condition and are appropriate to the activity. At no time are torn or heavily patched clothing, combat jackets or military clothing or footwear, extremes of fashion, offensive or provocative designs allowed. Students should not wear clothes of a revealing nature, e.g. short shorts, crop tops or mini-skirts.

### 3. Summer Collect Dress (permission to be announced by the Head)

Permission for this to be announced by the Head: Jackets and ties should be removed and shirt or blouse sleeves rolled up. Shirts (except fitted blouses for girls) must be tucked in. Jumpers may not be worn as part of Summer Collect Dress.

## Lower School – Years 7 and 8

You may be asked to change your clothes if your clothing is considered for any reason to be unsuitable for Collect Dress.

Collect Dress is to be worn during the normal School day (07:30-16:30) after which students may change into their own clothes/ School games kit. Students should therefore either be wearing Collect Dress correctly, as below, or be in their own clothes. The information below provides the guidance needed:

- **Jacket** - formal, tailored Leighton Park school blazer only via Schoolblazer Ltd
- **Trousers** - grey tailored, formal, trousers only via Schoolblazer Ltd
- **Skirt** – plain grey only via Schoolblazer Ltd
- **Shirts or blouses** – should be plain white with collar and sleeves (shirts to be tucked in). Should not be see-through so underwear is clearly visible. Please help girls to choose appropriate underwear colours to be worn at School (e.g. not black/ illuminous colours)
- **School tie** – only via Schoolblazer Ltd should be worn with a shirt, and not with a blouse.
- **Jumper** – optional item but if worn must be navy blue with Leighton Park logo only via Schoolblazer Ltd
- **School shoes** – sensible, dark leather style, low heeled, no trainers, no Dr Martens boots
- **Socks/tights** – grey or navy (tights). Spare pair in school in case of rips/ ladders. Socks should be full and not trainer socks

Additional information:

- Fryer students cannot wear make-up or jewellery (with the exception of a fine chain necklace and stud earrings, one in each ear maximum)
- A Leighton Park bag and Leighton Park coat are also available as optional items via Schoolblazer Ltd.
- Belts should be of a discreet size and colour
- A separate suitable bag is required for carrying books to and from lessons

- A woollen hat may be worn in cold weather. Baseball caps should only be worn when playing sport if needed, with the Leighton Park logo
- Headphones should not be worn at any point in the School day with Collect Dress, but may be worn with own clothes/ games kit after School if appropriate
- Coats may be worn during the day but not inside buildings. Coats should not be taken into Oakview dining area but should be hung up in the cloakroom provided

## Senior Collect Dress – Years 9 to 11

You may be asked to change your clothes if your clothing is considered for any reason to be unsuitable for Collect Dress.

Collect Dress is to be worn during the normal school day (07:30 – 16:30) after which students may change into their own clothes/ School games kit. Students should therefore either be wearing Collect Dress correctly, as below, or be in their own clothes. The following information provides the guidance required:

- **Jacket** – formal, tailored and buttoned; black or navy
- **LP Pin:** enamel pin to be issued to all students to be worn on the lapel of the jacket. Lost pins to be recharged
- **Skirt** – plain skirt (suitable, business length so sits just above the knee and covers 3/4 of the measurement from hip to knee at least); black, or navy. Avoid Lycra based garments unless they are guaranteed to stay the right length
- **Trousers** – tailored, formal, trousers (not low slung); plain black or navy, no checks or patterns. (No jeans, denim, jeggings or other casual styles. Chinos should not be worn) **Skin tight trousers must not be worn.** The following are NOT permitted: leggings, jeggings, jeans, denim, chinos, 3/4 length, low slung.
- **Shirt/ Blouse** – white, plain (to be tucked in unless fitted). No bold stripes or any patterns should be on the shirt and the collar must be the same colour as the rest of the shirt/ blouse. Shirts/ blouses should have sleeves. They should not be see-through, where underwear is clearly visible. Please choose appropriate underwear colours to be worn at School (e.g. not black/ illuminous colours). The shirt should be tucked in and the top button done up when wearing Collect Dress with a tie.
- **Jumper** – smart, woollen, long sleeved v neck; plain colour (no pattern); only black, navy or grey. Sweatshirts should not be worn.
- **Tie** – any colours (own choice), properly tied with top button done up
- **School shoes** – sensible, dark leather style, no trainers, no boots, plimsolls or any type of canvas shoe. Dark coloured flat plain ankle boots are allowed (no studs/ straps) but trousers should not be tucked inside the boot. Low or no heel. Dr Martens boots are not to be worn
- **Socks/tights** – plain socks or plain tights (natural, black or blue). A spare pair to be kept in School in case of rips or ladders. Socks can be trainer/ cuff socks if appropriate for the style of shoe/ trouser (white should be avoided please) but generally they should be full, not sport/ ankle/ trainer – any colour/ pattern. A spare pair of tights should be kept in School
- Students are expected to be clean-shaven of facial hair

Additional information:

- An optional Leighton Park bag and Leighton Park coat are available via Schoolblazer Ltd, our school wear suppliers if required

- Belts should be of discreet size and colour
- Hats should not be worn unless the weather is very cold. Baseball caps, with Leighton Park branding, should only be worn when playing sport if needed
- Years 9 to 11 may wear modest jewellery e.g. a fine chain necklace, a ring and stud earrings, with a maximum of two in each ear. Spacer style earrings should not be worn. Students with more than two piercings will be asked to remove additional earrings, even if they have been recently purchased. Jewellery may have to be removed if it is thought to pose a health and safety risk. (e.g. when playing sports/ in the lab/ workshop)
- A modest amount of discreet (as in not noticeable) make-up is allowed. A clear or plain, single coloured nail varnish is acceptable. False nails should not be worn. Students will be asked to remove make-up should we feel that too much is being worn
- Students should not wear the following as Collect Dress: jeans (they have studs on the pockets), denim jackets/ shirts/ trousers or corduroy trousers, shirts without collars.
- Headphones should not be worn at any point in the School day with Collect Dress, but may be worn with own clothes/ games kit after School if appropriate
- Coats may be worn to and from School and during the day but not inside any buildings. Coats should not be taken into the Oakview dining area.

## Sixth Form Dress Code

**You may be asked to change your clothes if your clothing is considered unsuitable for business wear for any reason.**

The Sixth Form Dress Code applies during the normal School day (07:30 – 16:30), after which students may change into their own clothes/ School games kit. Students should therefore either be following the Sixth Form Dress Code correctly, as below, or be in their own clothes.

The aim of the Sixth Form Dress Code is to ensure the senior student body looks smart, as judged by parents, visitors and staff alike, and that they can express themselves without becoming distracted or financially tested by fashion.

The following principles apply to Sixth Form Dress Code:

- The Sixth Form Dress Code should allow more choice of colour, style, and a more mature approach to modern business-like wear
- All Sixth Formers must wear clothing that is decent, smart and safe and which avoids extremes of style and fashion
- Hair is to be clean, well-groomed, off the face and not of an unnatural colour
- The emphasis is on clothing which is suitable for most modern office environments
- Clothes should not carry large brand names or slogans, or logos that may cause offence and hooded clothes are not suitable
- Visible body piercings, other than in the ears, and tattoos are not permitted
- The manner of wearing clothes is as important as the clothes themselves. Therefore, trousers and shirts must be properly fitting, without underwear or midribs showing
- Headphones should not be worn at any point in the School day with Sixth Form Dress Code, but may be worn with own clothes/ games kit after School if appropriate
- Coats may be worn during the day but not inside any buildings. Coats should not be taken into Oakview dining area.

The following specific guidelines are given for our Sixth Form students. All members of the Sixth Form are asked to respect the wishes of the School and if they are asked not wear a specific item of clothing then they should not do so. Any discussions about dress will involve the student and a clear explanation will be given on a case by case basis. The following should provide the guidance required:

- Must wear a **jacket** (formal) during the School day, except when in Summer Collect Dress.
- Smart **trousers** (no jeans, denim or other casual styles. Clean, pressed chinos are acceptable). Trousers can be cigarette style, straight leg, but no leggings or jeggings, denim or stretch denim. Colours and patterns are welcomed.
- **Skirts** must be suitable, business length to sit just above the knee and cover 3/4 of the measurement from hip to knee at least. Avoid Lycra based skirts unless they are guaranteed to stay the right length
- **Tights/ Socks** - Dress socks should be worn, but can be any colour/ and or pattern. Sports socks should not be worn with formal dress during the day. Tights may have a discreet pattern, with a spare pair kept in School in case of rips or ladders
- **Shirts/ blouses/ tops** must cover midriff, cleavage and shoulders, with no more than one button undone. If a formal shirt with a collar is worn with a tie, the top button should be done up, no more than one button undone if worn without a tie. Shirts/ blouses should not be see-through in style, where underwear can clearly be seen. Denim shirts should not be worn. Bra straps should not be visible, and shoulders must be covered as far as possible, although some styles of dress will be acceptable
- If wearing a formal **shirt**, ties must be worn for formal occasions, e.g. Meeting for Worship, tours with parents, and all other formal occasions when representing the School, with the top button done up
- A **business-like dress** (with jacket) is an acceptable alternative to wearing other combinations but must comply with guidelines on decency and business-like clothing given above
- **Jumpers** should be smart, woollen v necks and can be any colour – sweatshirts should not be worn. Turtle neck jumpers are acceptable when worn with a jacket
- Tee-shirts, sweatshirts, halter-neck tops and other casual tops are not suitable
- Students are expected to be **clean-shaven** of facial hair
- **Modest jewellery**; simple gold or silver studs, no more than two piercings in each ear. Spacer style earrings should not be worn. Students with more than two piercings will be asked to remove the additional earrings, even if they have been recently purchased. Jewellery may have to be removed if it is thought to pose a health and safety risk. (e.g. when playing sports/ in the lab/ workshop)
- Discreet **make-up** may be worn. Coloured nail varnish is acceptable; one colour should be worn, not multi colours
- **Shoes** must be smart (clean and well-presented), no trainers, canvas shoes of any kind, plimsolls, stiletto heels, flip-flops or sandals. Shoes should be low heeled and plain suede/leather style, no high boots should be worn. Dr Marten boots are not to be worn.

## PE/Games Kit

As the School is represented at a number of town, county and regional venues, we feel a practical, long-lasting and good quality up-to-date look is appropriate. Full details of the kit required are listed in the pages that follow. Students should always wear School kit for all sporting activities.

We have updated the PE/Games kit for September 2021. New items should conform to the dress code below but existing Leighton Park students do have a grace period until September 2021 to purchase new items.

**Schoolblazer Ltd** are the supplier of all sports clothing. Items should be clearly named. Students will be expected to wear the Schoolblazer Ltd kit items for all PE lessons, games lessons and School fixtures. If students are awaiting the arrival of new kit, then they should wear appropriate attire and parents should communicate with PE staff to make necessary arrangements.

To order via Schoolblazer Ltd, please visit [www.schoolblazer.com](http://www.schoolblazer.com). Simply go to the website, create a log in and follow the instructions to purchase kit. The website has an “intelligent sizing system” to guide parents in size selection to help ensure that garments fit first time. On registration you will be required to input your son or daughter’s sizes and the system will make a suggestion on size.

Uniform is delivered via Parcelforce, either to the home or for pick-up at School. Urgent garments, which do not require name-tagging can be shipped in 48 hours. Please ensure that all orders are placed by 16<sup>th</sup> July to allow time for returns.

Returns to Schoolblazer are free of charge via the Post Office.

As part of our commitment to providing the onsite convenience of a shop, we will continue to hold “trying-on” samples in School of all items. If you have any questions regarding sports kit, please contact Jez Belas: [jeremybelas@leightonpark.com](mailto:jeremybelas@leightonpark.com).

Due to global supply chain issues, there may be a delay in the supply of some new sportswear items. We are working closely with Schoolblazer on this, so please bear with us. If any items are not available by the start of term then the School will provide students with the old versions at no additional cost. Students will be expected to have the new designs when they become available. Any remaining stock of old uniform items will then be donated to our charity partners.

Please note that cricket wear will not be available until Spring 2021.

All items can be ordered via [www.schoolblazer.com](http://www.schoolblazer.com).

Boys’ compulsory items:

- 1 pair Squadkit Thermotex Pro-fit Training Pants
- 1 Navy Crested Midlayer with Bronze Contrast Stitch
- 1 Squadkit Hydrocool Smooth Fitness T-shirt, grey marl
- 1 Squadkit Hydrocool Lite PE Shorts, navy
- 1 Squadkit Sublimated Reversible Rugby Shirt
- 1 Squadkit Performatex Xtra Rugby Shorts, navy
- 1 pair Squadkit Performance Bespoke Games Socks
- 1 Squadkit Duffel Bag
- 1 Boot Bag, navy

- Navy Swim Jammers
- Students should have a good pair of sports/running trainers and studded boots for football/rugby. Keen athletes may wish to purchase specific footwear for other sports (i.e. athletics spikes, tennis trainers).

#### Boys' Optional Items

- Squadkit Performashell Crested Softshell Jacket
- Squadkit Hydrocool Lite Polo Shirt, white (useful for Summer sports such as Tennis and Cricket and for specific hobbies i.e. Golf)
- Squadkit Climaskin Base Layer Top (must be Leighton Park branded if worn)
- Squadkit Climaskin Base Layer Leggings, navy
- Navy Swim Hat
- Leighton Park Baseball Cap (no other baseball caps permitted)
- Leighton Park Bobble Hat (no other bobble or beanie hats permitted)
- Squadkit Performance Fleece Slipover
- Cricket Trousers
- Water Bottle Leighton Park Crest
- Navy Base Layer Shorts
- White Sports Socks

#### Girls' Compulsory Items

- Squadkit Thermotex Pro-Fit Training Pants, navy
- Navy Crested Midlayer with Bronze Contrast
- Squadkit Hydrocool Lite Skort with Cotton Under Short
- Squadkit Performatex Lite Running Shorts
- Squadkit Hydrocool Smooth Fitness T-shirt, grey marl
- Squadkit Sublimated Games Shirt
- Squadkit Performance Bespoke Games Socks
- 1 Squadkit Duffel Bag
- 1 Boot Bag, navy
- Navy Swimming Costume
- Students should have a good pair of sports/running trainers. Keen athletes may wish to purchase sport-specific footwear, such as hockey/astro trainers or studded boots for football/rugby.

#### Girls' Optional Items

- Squadkit Performashell Crested Softshell Jacket
- Squadkit Hydrocool Lite Polo Shirt (useful for Summer sports such as Tennis and Cricket and for specific hobbies i.e. Golf)
- Squadkit Climaskin Base Layer Top (must be Leighton Park branded if worn)
- Squadkit Climaskin Base Layer Leggings, navy
- Squadkit Climaskin Xtra Fitness Leggings
- Navy Swim Hat
- Leighton Park Baseball cap (no other baseball caps permitted)
- Leighton Park Bobble Hat (no other bobble or beanie hats permitted)
- Squadkit Performance Fleece Slipover
- Water bottle Leighton Park Crest
- Limitless Sports Bra
- White Sports Socks

## Mouthguards

All students will be required to purchase a mouthguard to be used for hockey and rugby games lessons. We strongly recommend that all students obtain a professionally fitted, custom-made mouthguard in order to protect their teeth, lips, tongue and face during games lessons and fixtures. This follows advice from the British Dental Association, the Rugby Football Union and England Hockey.

With this in mind, we will be using an opt-out policy to ensure that all the students have mouthguards. Therefore, unless we hear from you to the contrary, your child will be fitted for a mouthguard and the cost charged automatically to your end of term bill. If you would like to opt-out, please indicate accordingly in the admissions forms.

The School uses a company called IMPACT to supply students with mouthguards. There is no putty used during the fitting process. Instead, they have developed a new, state of the art, 3D scanning process, all done in approximately 2-3 minutes by fully trained technicians.

Scan files are sent to their laboratory, where each personalised IMPACT Gumshield is created by 3D printer, a completely new concept for creating gumshields, before being posted within approximately 7-10 working days.