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Dress Code for Students



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.

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
- Year 7 and 8 students are not permitted to wear makeup or jewellery with the exception of a fine chain necklace and stud earrings (one in each ear maximum).

We have three distinct codes of dress at Leighton Park:

1. Collect Dress is to be worn throughout the School day, 7.30am – 4.30pm

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 4.30pm

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. Shorts may be worn – these must be tailored school shorts, grey in colour for Fryer and navy/black for Year 9 to 11. Smart dress shorts can be worn in the Sixth Form.

Schoolblazer Ltd

Schoolblazer Ltd is the supplier of Fryer uniform and sports clothing for all year groups. Items should be clearly named and Schoolblazer offer a naming service sewing labels onto garments. Students will be expected to wear the Schoolblazer 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, please visit 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 courier 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 17th July to allow time for returns.

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

Lower School – Years 7 and 8 Collect Dress

Item	Quantity	Schoolblazer only	Schoolblazer or any shop	Any shop
Blazer	1	✓		
Trousers	2-3	✓		
Skirt	2-3	✓		
Shirts or blouses ¹	5		✓	
School tie	1	✓		
Jumper ²	1	✓		
School Shoes ³	1			✓
Socks/tights ⁴	6			✓
School bag	1		✓	
Raincoat/overcoat ⁵	1			✓

Note:

1. Fryer students cannot wear make-up or jewellery (with the exception of a fine chain necklace and stud earrings, two in each ear maximum)
2. A Leighton Park bag and Leighton Park coat are also available via Schoolblazer Ltd.
3. Blouses must have a reverse collar. Girls are permitted to wear a formal shirt; however this must be worn with a tie and not open necked. Blouses and Shirts must have long-sleeves. Shirts should not be see-through so underwear is clearly visible. Please help girls choose appropriate underwear colours to be worn at school (e.g. not black/illuminous colours)
4. Jumper – this is an optional item. If worn, this must be purchased from Schoolblazer
5. Shoes must be black, leather style, low heeled. Trainer shoes and Dr Martens boots must not be worn. Dr Martens shoes are permitted.
6. Socks and tights must be grey, black or navy. A spare pair of tights must be kept in School in case of rips. Socks should be full or ankle socks. Trainer socks must not be worn
7. Coats may be worn during the day but not inside buildings.
8. Headphones should not be worn at any point in the School day with Collect Dress.

Years 9, 10 and 11 and Pre-Sixth Collect Dress

Item	Quantity	Schoolblazer or any shop	Any shop
Jacket navy or black	1	✓	
Trousers ¹ Navy or black	2-3	✓	
Skirt ²	2-3	✓	
Shirts or blouses White	5	✓	
Tie	1		✓
Jumper (optional) – plain colour	1		✓
School Shoes ³	1		✓
Socks/tights – black or navy	6		✓
School bag	1	✓	
Raincoat/overcoat	1		✓
LP Pin ⁴	1		

Notes:

1. Trousers – the following are not permitted: leggings, jeggings, denim, low slung or skin tight trousers
2. Skirts must be tailored and fall just above the knee. Tube skirts are NOT permitted
3. Shoes must be black, leather style, low heeled. Trainer shoes and Dr Martens boots must not be worn. Dr Martens shoes are permitted
4. LP Pins will be given to all students on the first day of term and should be worn on the left lapel of the jacket. Replacement pins are rechargeable.
5. Leighton Park bag and Leighton Park coat are available via Schoolblazer Ltd, our schoolwear suppliers if required
6. Belts should be of discreet size and colour
7. 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
8. Students may wear modest jewellery e.g. a fine chain necklace, a ring and stud or small hoop earrings, (no larger than a 20p piece) with a maximum of four in each ear. Choker style necklaces should not be worn. Spacer style earrings should not be worn. Students with more than four piercings will be asked to remove additional earrings, even if they have been recently purchased. Bracelets should be modest, with up to three being appropriate (please avoid a huge collection). 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). Large earrings, or dangling earrings should not be worn
9. Visible body piercings other than in the ears are not permitted (e.g. nose/ tongue)
10. A small amount of discreet (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 and it is noticeable
11. 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
12. 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

13. 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.
14. Students are expected to be **clean-shaven** of facial hair – in the case of skin irritation, or religious observance this should be discussed with a Head of Section and permission given. Students who persistently refuse to shave will be asked to return to school once clean shaven.

Sixth Form Dress Code

The Sixth Form Dress Code applies during the normal School day (7.30am – 4.30pm), 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 of natural 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 but hung in the cloakroom provided.

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 to 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 formal jacket 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 tailored, business length to sit just above the knee and cover 3/4 of the measurement from hip to knee at least. NO Lycra based skirts
- 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 and can be any colour – sweatshirts should not be worn. Turtleneck 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 makeup 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. Dr Marten shoes are permitted

PE/Games Kit – All year groups

Items	Compulsory	Optional	Quantity	Schoolblazer	Any shop
Navy Crested Training Pant	✓		1	✓	
Navy Crested Midlayer with Contrast Stitch	✓		1	✓	
Grey Crested Fitness T-shirt	✓		1	✓	
Navy Games Socks with Grey Top	✓		1	✓	
Eyelet Skort (Girls)		✓	1	✓	
Navy Crested Running Shorts (Girls)	✓		1	✓	
Navy Crested Stripped Games Shirt (Girls)	✓		1	✓	
PE Shorts	✓		1	✓	
Navy Crested Reversible Rugby Shirt (Boys)	✓		1	✓	
Rugby Shorts (Boys)	✓		1	✓	
Squadkit Duffel Bag	✓		1	✓	
Navy Swimming Costume (Girls)	✓		1		✓
Navy Swim Hat	✓		1		✓

Gum shield	✓		1		✓
Shinpads	✓		1		✓
White Sports Socks	✓		3		✓
PE Trainers	✓		1		✓
Football/Rugby Boots (Boys)	✓		1		✓
Astro Trainers	✓		1		✓
Navy Crested Softshell Jacket		✓	1	✓	
Summer Polo Shirt		✓	1	✓	
Navy Base Layer Top (non-branded)		✓	1	✓	✓
Navy Base Layer Leggings (non-branded)		✓	1	✓	✓
Navy Fitness Leggings (Girls) (non-branded)		✓	1	✓	✓
Leighton Park Baseball Cap		✓	1	✓	
Navy Striped Bobble Hat		✓	1	✓	