

Uniform Guide

2023-2024



Henlow Academy considers uniform to be important for all of our students in order to foster pride in our school and to encourage a sense of belonging to the school community. The uniform provides a sensible and practical form of dress for the business of learning.

Compulsory uniform is highlighted in bold.

Year 7, 8, 9,10 & 11

Girls

Fitted or straight Henlow blazer

Henlow 'V' neck knitted jumper

House tie

**Grey tailored skirt/tailored shorts/
grey trousers**

Black or grey socks/ black tights

Black flat shoes

Henlow summer polo shirt

Boys

Straight Henlow blazer

Henlow 'V' neck knitted jumper

House tie

Grey tailored trousers/tailored shorts

Black or grey socks

Black flat shoes

Henlow summer polo shirt

PE Kit

Henlow unisex polo shirt or fitted polo shirt

**Henlow sport shorts, Henlow skort or plain
navy shorts (no sports logos)**

Royal blue long socks or white sport socks

Trainers

Gum shield

Henlow unisex polo shirt

**Henlow sport shorts or plain navy shorts
(no sports logos)**

Henlow rugby shirt

Royal blue long socks or white sport socks

Trainers

Football Boots

Gum shield

Optional Items

Thermal base layer

Henlow leggings or plain navy leggings
(no sports logos)

Henlow joggers or plain navy joggers
(no sports logos)

Henlow sweatshirt

Henlow zip jacket

Boot bag

Drawstring bag

Thermal base layer

Henlow joggers or plain navy joggers
(no sports logos)

Henlow sweatshirt

Henlow zip jacket

Boot bag

Drawstring bag

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Year 5 & 6

Girls

Henlow 'V' neck knitted jumper

Henlow green tie

**Grey tailored skirt/tailored shorts/
grey trousers**

Black or grey socks/ black tights

Black flat shoes

Henlow summer polo shirt
SUMMER TERM ONLY

Boys

Henlow 'V' neck knitted jumper

Henlow green tie

Grey tailored trousers/tailored shorts

Black or grey socks

Black flat shoes

Henlow summer polo shirt
SUMMER TERM ONLY

PE Kit

Henlow unisex polo shirt or fitted polo shirt

**Henlow sport shorts, Henlow skort or plain
navy shorts (no sports logos)**

Royal blue long socks or white sport socks

Trainers

Gum shield

Henlow unisex polo shirt

**Henlow sport shorts or plain navy shorts
(no sports logos)**

Henlow rugby shirt

Royal blue long socks or white sport socks

Trainers

Football Boots

Gum shield

Optional Items

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Henlow leggings or plain navy leggings
(no sports logos)

Henlow joggers or plain navy joggers
(no sports logos)

Henlow sweatshirt

Henlow zip jacket

Boot bag

Drawstring bag

Thermal base layer

Henlow joggers or plain navy joggers
(no sports logos)

Henlow sweatshirt

Henlow zip jacket

Boot bag

Drawstring bag

Trousers/Skirts

Girls Trousers & Skirts

Girls may wear grey trousers, a grey tailored skirt or grey knee length tailored shorts during the Summer Term.

These should be no more than one inch above the knee.

Appropriate skirts



Unsuitable skirts

Skirts should not be shorter than one inch above the knee and should not be made of jersey material.



Girls' trousers

These should be made of grey, woven fabric (not jersey or denim). Long tailored shorts may be worn in summer.



Unsuitable Trousers

Unsuitable trousers include: jean-style trousers, leggings, jeggings and short shorts.



Boys Trousers

These should be grey, made of woven fabric (not denim). Long, tailored shorts may be worn in summer.



Unsuitable trousers

These include jeans, jean style trousers, combats, jogging bottoms, drainpipe, low slung or tight trousers.



Shoes

Shoes should be black, weather resistant (leather or leather type) and capable of supporting the feet during any running around. Lace-up shoes or shoes with a strap across are most suitable. Shoes must be closed toe and adequate strength to meet health and safety guidance when students are cooking or working in the design workshop.

Appropriate Shoes



Inappropriate Shoes

Trainers, shoes with distinctive logos, canvas shoes, boots, 'dolly' or ballerina shoes and heels are not allowed.



Tops

Blazers

Pupils in Year 7 to 11 should wear blazers at all times when moving around the school. Blazers can be taken off and hung on the back of their chair during a lesson. From September 2022 Year 7 & 8 should also wear blazers for school.



Jumper

All pupils should wear a Henlow 'V' neck knitted jumper.



Shirts

During the autumn and spring term pupils must wear a white shirt with a school tie. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. In the summer term pupils may wear a Henlow light blue or royal blue polo shirt instead of a shirt and tie.



Inappropriate tops

Hoodies, sports tops, sweatshirts (including school trip hoodies) inside the building (these may be worn outside in the cold weather).



Additional Information

Hair

Students' hairstyles should be neat and practical for school and must be a natural hair colour.

Extremes of style, patterns and tracks will not be permitted. This includes complete shaving of one side of hair and dip dyeing the hair.

Long hair must be tied up for PE, Art, DT, Food Tech and Science experiments for safety reasons.

Students should consult with their Head of year before committing to a radical change to check that it meets school standards.

Jewellery

Earrings must be limited to one pair of small stud earrings in the earlobe.

No facial or body piercings are permitted, this includes nose studs. No other jewellery is permitted. If your child wishes to wear a piece of jewellery for religious or cultural importance, parents must contact the relevant year team to request permission.

All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons due to safety reasons.

One charity wristband may be worn.

Make-Up

A small amount of natural appearance make-up is acceptable but students should not abuse this privilege.

No nail varnish, gel nails or eyelash extensions may be worn.

General

All clothing **MUST** be clearly marked with the student's name.

Hats/caps may only be worn for prolonged periods outside the buildings in extremes of cold or sun.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will happen if my child isn't in correct uniform?

If there is a one-off incident (e.g. they left their shoes at their nan's last night, their shoes got soaked) that can be remedied within a day or two, an email to their form tutor will be sufficient. If the problem is not going to be fixed quickly, we can lend your child correct uniform until the issue is resolved. Please always email your child's form tutor explaining what has happened. If we have not received communication from you and your child isn't wearing correct uniform then we will treat it as a rule infringement.

Why do you speak to the child before speaking to the parent?

As a secondary school we consider the correct uniform to be the child's responsibility in terms of making the right choices. The child has the best working knowledge of our uniform policy and knows what is acceptable and not; it is very rare for a parent to force a child to wear uniform that the child knows is not correct against their wishes. If the issue cannot be resolved by working with the student, we will contact the parents. If there are sensitive circumstances, which we are aware of, or find out through discussion with the child, we will always contact the parent.

I can't afford new uniform, what happens here?

If you cannot afford uniform, particularly if your child receives or has ever received free school meals, is a forced child or is a looked after child, please contact the form tutor who can discuss ways we can support you with this.

You can't enforce uniform rules can you?

Uniform rules can be enforced in the same way as any other school rules. Refusal to comply or co-operate with the policy will carry consequences in the same way as breaking any other school rule. We work hard to remedy and support any issues that prevent the wearing of correct uniform and the home/school agreement is an essential part of this.

Please see the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform>

Frequently Asked Questions

I got the trousers from the school section - surely they must be OK?

Retailers stock a wide range of trousers to suit different school requirements. Please be aware that many items of uniform sold in the 'School' section do not meet with many school uniform policies, including ours. We are clear on which items are suitable in to fit with our uniform rules so please make sure you have checked the policy before purchasing any items.

Why have you suddenly made all these changes to the policy?

As we transition from a middle school to a secondary school we have updated our uniform guidelines to fit with a secondary approach. We have not changed our approach to items such as jewellery and hair.

What happens if my child doesn't have their school shoes?

All students are expected to wear appropriate foot ware daily. If they do not have their school shoes, they will be expected to borrow a pair from school from their Head of Year.

What can my child wear when the weather is hot?

We have the provision within our uniform policy for students to wear polo shirts during the summer term. Students are also able to wear grey shorts at any point in the school year.

Cost of School Uniform

Schools and their governing boards must have regard to the cost of school uniform when developing and implementing their school and trust uniform policies.

The cost of school uniforms must be reasonable and secure the best value for money.

Poppy Hill Multi Academy Trust works closely with our uniform suppliers to ensure that best value for money is achieved and ensures that branded uniform items are kept to a minimum. Schools within the Trust hold a stock of second hand uniform which is available to all families if required. This is available from the school office and also on a second hand stall at school PTA events.

Beat School Uniforms



Henlow
Church of England
Academy

BY WORKING TOGETHER,
HENLOW CofE ACADEMY,
BEAT SCHOOL UNIFORMS &
DAVID LUKE COULD PREVENT

21,366

PLASTIC BOTTLES FROM
GOING TO LANDFILL



RECYCLED POLYESTER REQUIRES

59% LESS

ENERGY TO PRODUCE COMPARED
TO VIRGIN POLYESTER



THE HEIGHT OF
5.6K CHILDREN

BASED ON THE AVERAGE 12 YEAR OLD



THE LENGTH OF 22 CRUISE SHIPS

CLIMB UP
& DOWN
THE
SHARD

14
TIMES



THAT EQUATES TO
OVER 22 UK
HOUSEHOLDS
ANNUAL PLASTIC
WASTE SAVED
FROM GOING TO
LANDFILL.

BY USING RECYCLED
PLASTIC, YOU HAVE SAVED:



4.5
BARRELS
OF OIL

1.4
TONNES
OF CO₂



THE BOTTLES SAVED FROM LANDFILL THROUGH EACH GARMENT INCLUDE:



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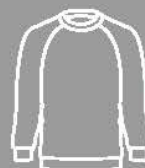
x5



x5



x3



x3



x2



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