

Kingsmead School



Uniform Guidance

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Uniform Policy Guidance

Kingsmead is a uniformed school and there is a clear expectation that students will wear full uniform and wear it appropriately. Parents/carers are expected to support the implementation of this guidance. Uniform is worn in Years 7 to 11 and there is a Dress Code for Sixth Form students. Items specific to Kingsmead are only available from Crested School Wear in Cannock.

Their address is:

67 High Green, Cannock, Staffs, WS11 1BN

Telephone: 01543 504866 website: www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk the official supplier of Kingsmead uniform. Items which are not specific to Kingsmead can be purchased from any supplier of school uniform.

Our guidance aligns with that provided by the DfE in [“Developing School Uniform Policy, 2026”](#).

‘The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour, and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, schools ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.’

The main reasons for having a school uniform are that it:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school and a sense of community and belonging;
- identifies students with Kingsmead both in school and in the local community;
- is practical and smart;
- makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and financial circumstances.

In accordance to the Education Act 1996 (amended 2026) we do not expect any more than four branded items.

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If you are in any doubt about what is/is not permitted, please check with the school beforehand or view the school website (www.kingsmeadschool.net)

Full school uniform must be worn correctly at all times during the school day, including breaks, lunchtimes and to and from school. If students participate in sport at break/lunch, they may change, however they must change back before they return to the school building.

All items of clothing must meet the school regulations and must not be fashion garments.

All items of uniform should be clearly marked with the student's name.

We **expect** students to wear:

- The official Kingsmead **branded** grey school blazer
- Kingsmead **branded** tie. The traditional tie must be worn correctly with a single knot and finishing just above the waist
- Tailored formal black school trousers that do not cling to the skin. They should not have any metal adornments such as zips or studs. They cannot be leggings or jeans.
- Tailored Grey Shorts. Please note PE shorts are only for PE lessons. Tailored grey shorts can be worn by both girls and boys and are encouraged for warmer summer periods of weather
- Kingsmead **branded** skirts.
- Plain white school shirt with a buttoned neck capable of taking a tie and long enough to be tucked into trousers or skirt. Kingsmead does encourage short sleeved school shirts with a buttoned neck for warmer summer periods of weather
- Plain black, grey or white socks or plain black or skin-coloured tights
- Plain black leather (or equivalent) shoes with low heels. Shoes with Velcro straps are allowed. Trainers or training style shoes / sports branded 'shoes' are not acceptable. This includes any 'shoes' that have a mesh upper/tongue. There should be no labels / designs on the sides of the shoes
- Plain black leather looking boots may be worn under trousers



Any student with a medical reason who wishes to wear footwear other than that described above **must** provide medical documentation with a specified time period stipulated. If this extends beyond a period of 7 days then it will be open to review and further written notification.

Notes from parents are not considered as medical documentation from a qualified practitioner. If a medical note is not provided then students will be expected to borrow correct footwear from the hub if they arrive to school without correct footwear.

In **addition** students may wear:

- Plain black V-necked or round neck long sleeved or sleeveless jumper or waist length cardigan (with buttons, no zips) . This is NOT to be a sports Jumper
- An appropriate waterproof outdoor coat to travel to and from school (we would encourage this). **Hoodies are not acceptable as coat.**
- Plain black belt with conventional buckle worn through belt loops
- A wristwatch (we would encourage this), one plain ring and one pair of small ear studs (one in each ear)
- Natural coloured nail polish and discreet make-up for students in Year 9, Year 10 and 11. Students will be expected to remove any excessive or inappropriate make-up in the Progress Hubs, and parents will be contacted about this)
- Y12 and Y13 students are permitted to wear false and/or painted nails, provided they do not interfere with the subjects being studied and comply with the school's health and safety requirements. Nails must not be of a length or design that could pose a risk to the student or others.
- One Charity wristband of a standard size and with a Charity name clearly marked
- Kingsmead approved badges handed out by the school

We do not allow students to wear:

- Trousers with zipped pockets, hipsters, jeans, jegging/ leggings of a jersey material or skinny cropped style fashion trousers, tight around the ankle
- Non-regulation clothing under their blazer for example, hooded tops/sweatshirts (except as part of PE kit) or hats/caps. These will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day
- Canvas shoes/pumps/trainers
- Trainers manufactured by sports companies that are 'branded' as shoes
- Shoes that have white or coloured soles, coloured laces, or large logos
- Suede 'Ugg' type **boots**
- Fashion belts or large buckles
- Hoops, spikes, facial piercings
- Body or facial piercings including nose, lip or tragus

- Industrial piercings
- False nails, nail extensions or coloured nail polish
- False eyelashes
- Make-up in Y7 and Y8
- Bracelets and bangles
- Hair braiding's (coloured), hair extensions (inappropriate colours)

Hair

Whilst it is difficult to clearly define hair styles and colours, it is important to maintain a smart and professional appearance and high standards. Bright non-natural hair colours (e.g. bright pink, blue, green etc.) and extreme hair styles (eg: shaved patterns including tramlines, Mohicans) are **not** permitted. Students **should not** have several hair colours. Students will be expected to rectify any inappropriate hair styles/colour as directed by the Progress Teams and a timeline for this to be corrected will be issued. If in doubt, students should contact their Progress Leader before having their hair cut/coloured.

Piercings

Body and facial piercing (including tongues,) are not appropriate and are a Health and Safety concern based on the number of different subjects students attend throughout the day. Students who wear such piercings will be asked to remove them. Refusal to remove piercings at school will result in possible internal removal or possible exclusion. The school accepts 1 pair of small ear studs, one piercing in each ear lobe.

Nose piercing with a metal stud or loop are not permitted. Clear, plastic, spacers can be worn during the school day.

Parents/carers are asked to arrange appointments for piercing at the beginning of long holiday periods to enable removal of piercings in school. In PE lessons, students will be required to remove ear studs/plastic piercings for health and safety reasons.

Physical Education

If you are in any doubt about what is/is not permitted, please check with the PE department beforehand. All items of PE kit and equipment should be clearly marked with the student's name, no jewellery or piercings should be worn and long hair must be tied back.

We **expect** students to wear:

- Black and gold Kingsmead **branded** polo shirt

- Black PE shorts
- Black football/hockey socks, black or white ankle socks
- Football boots and training shoes (students need both to participate in the different activities offered by the school)
- Gum shields must be worn for hockey/rugby
- Shin pads must be worn for football and hockey

In **addition** they may wear:

- Plain black tracksuit or jacket

The school has a stock of PE kit which can be loaned out for a lesson should pupils forget or not have correct kit. This is regularly cleaned and laundered. There is an expectation that, if a student does not bring their kit, they will wear the kit provided without argument. Refusal to comply may result in the student being internally excluded and the parent(s) will be contacted.

Students who are unable to participate in a PE lesson are expected to get changed and take part in the lesson as a coach or an official.

Students who do not wear the correct PE kit will receive a detention and parents will be notified regarding the lack of correct equipment.

Incorrect Uniform

The school has a stock of uniform which will be loaned out temporarily for the day in the event that a student arrives at school without an item of uniform or with an inappropriate item. This is regularly cleaned and laundered. There is an expectation that, if a student is asked to wear this uniform, then they will comply without argument. Refusal to comply may result in the student being internally excluded and the parent(s) will be contacted.

Students who borrow items of uniform are required to return the item at the end of the school day.

- Ties, blazers and black shoes are available from Key Stage Hubs.

PLEASE NOTE that plain black shoes will be provided for students who arrive wearing inappropriate footwear.

Failure to return borrowed items of clothing will be recorded and an R&R sanction will be issued once parents have been contacted.

If students do not wear the correct uniform or wear uniform in an incorrect way, this will be recorded and should the issue persist then an R&R sanction will be issued and parents contacted to rectify the situation.

Confiscated items will be kept in reception. The school will decide how long the item is confiscated for. Usually this is until the end of the day but if the issue is persistent this may be longer or only returned to the parent when they come into school to collect the item. **Certain items are not permitted to be returned to students. Parents will be contacted about these and a meeting arranged to discuss the confiscation of these items.**

Equipment

It is expected at Kingsmead that students are prepared for their learning at all times. Therefore, the following equipment is mandatory for all lessons

- Pen (black or blue ink)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator

Pupils will also find a pink biro, highlighter and glue stick useful and should bring these to school if possible.

Pre-Loved

Here at Kingsmead, we are very passionate about preventing waste and supporting our families. Therefore, each year we ask parents to donate any uniform that their child has grown out of that can be reused for another child. This is laundered and then sold on at our preloved sales, heavily discounted. Simultaneously supporting families with rising costs and generating funds towards the hardship fund.

Details of our pre-loved sales will be published on our social media channels.

Mobile Phones / Smart Watches and Other Electronic Devices Policy

- Kingsmead is a mobile phone-free environment as required by [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](#)
- Students are expected to turn off and store their phone in their bag before entering school.
- Smart Watches are to be only used for time management. Notifications should be turned off.
- Staff will confiscate mobile phones if seen in school and take them to reception
- Reception staff keep the item and record electronically.
- Students will be able to collect the item at the end of the school day on the first occasion

Number of confiscations	Action taken
1	Device returned to the student/warning issued (logged Bromcom)

2	Parent/carer has to collect device (R&R issued)
3	Student is to hand the device to the progress teams at the start of every day and collect it at the end. Treated as a serious behaviour incident and could lead to a suspension.

Smart Glasses such as 'Meta- Glasses' are not permitted on school premises at any time.

Sixth Form Dress Code

The overarching aim of the Sixth Form dress code is that attire be formal and of a professional standard that would be acceptable in a customer-facing business environment

Purpose – why is dress code important?

It is essential that Sixth Form students are dressed formally and appropriately for a working day at school, along with staff they are role models for the younger pupils in the school and as such, they must reflect a positive work ethic and attitude towards their learning and appearance at all times.

The main purpose of the dress code is to ensure that Sixth Form students present themselves in a formal, professional manner both inside school and out in the local community.

Students studying Art, Design or Animal Management courses can wear an overall or apron in order to protect their clothing. Students who study Sport and Performing Arts subjects may wear appropriate school-branded clothing for these lessons only, but must ensure they change back into formal dress for all other lessons.

What is formal, professional dress?

A formal suit or jacket – jackets must be worn as outer jackets before any coat is introduced

1. Tailored formal trousers, skirt or shorts – skirts and shorts must be of an appropriate business-style length, i.e. closer to the knee than the hip, and must not be skin-tight
2. A formal collared shirt and tie, or a formal blouse that can be collared or uncollared – shirts/blouses must be tucked in, and ties must be done up to the top button
3. A dress that it is of an appropriate professional style, specifically in terms of length and neckline and suitable for a place of work
4. Crew-neck or v-neck jumpers or cardigans, no chunky knitwear, large logos or images
5. Formal leather, leather-style or suede shoes or boots

What is not permitted?

1. Hoodies
2. T-shirts, sport shirts and vest tops
3. Clothing made of see-through material
4. Clothing that is skin-tight
5. Clothing that does not cover the midriff
6. Hats
7. Flannel
8. Denim

9. Beach and sports shorts
10. Leggings and fishnet tights
11. Trainers, canvas, Vans, flip flops, sliders and “Ugg-style” boots
12. Shoes that have heavy ornamentation like excessive buckles and spikes
13. No industrial piercings are allowed
14. Piercings of the face / tongue

Hair and Piercings

Only natural hair colours, and piercings of the outer ears are allowed.

Mobile Phones

As required by [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](#) sixth form students may use their mobile phones in the sixth form centre but they should not be used or visible in the main school.

Summary of Government Uniform Guidelines detailed in the Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Act (2026)

Three Branded Items plus a tie

Branded Item 1: Kingsmead Grey school branded blazer

Branded Item 2: Kingsmead Black school branded skirt

Branded Item 3: Kingsmead Black and Gold branded PE Kit

School Tie: Kingsmead branded school tie

Warm Weather Adaptions

Kingsmead allows tailored shorts to be worn all year long and encourages such items and short sleeved school shirts during hotter weather. Kingsmead School will make adaptions to the wearing of blazers and school ties and further possible amendments when there are UK Health Security Agency Alerts and use MCAS to communicate such changes.