

Denefield has its own distinctive uniform. There are good reasons for this. The most important is that our students come from a wide variety of backgrounds and uniform helps us create a sense of our school as a community. Moreover, smart appearance is very important for students' self-esteem and this will inevitably have an impact on their behaviour and the quality of their learning. Some of our students, understandably, like to show they can keep up with the latest trends in teenage fashions. This puts other students, and their parents who have limited resources, under unnecessary pressure. A school uniform removes these distractions and allows students to concentrate on their learning. We ask parents to resist reacting to each change of fashion where school uniform and hairstyles are concerned. Often what is fashionable is unsuitable for wearing at school. We have kept our uniform as simple as we can with the maximum number of standard items easily obtainable at reasonable prices from many retail and mail order outlets. School branded items are obtainable online from our uniform suppliers, Price & Buckland, and at on-site sales events.

All items of clothing and equipment should be clearly named.

Designer logos and fashion items are not acceptable.

For health reasons, students also need a comfortable rucksack with wide shoulder straps to carry their books and folders. This should, preferably, be plain black, dark grey or navy blue. No other type of school bag is permitted.

Jumper

V-neck, long sleeved or sleeveless, black with electric blue trim and school logo.

Polo shirt

White with electric blue trim and school logo.

Trousers

Plain black, full length to cover ankles, suitable for business wear.

Jeans, flares, tight trousers or leggings are not allowed: see the school website for acceptable examples.

Skirt

Denefield tartan skirt, **must be worn correctly, no modifications are permitted, it should not be rolled over at the waistband to alter the length;** this is the only acceptable school skirt.

Socks/tights

Socks must be black or white, tights must be black or natural.

Socks and tights may not be worn together.

Shoes

Plain black with minimal decoration, firm-soled, water resistant and polishable. Heels should be of a sensible height to ensure safety when moving around the school. Doctors have recommended no more than 4cm.

Boots, including ankle boots (eg Kicker boots or any other brand), are not allowed. Converse - style shoes or boots are not allowed. Trainers, trainer-like shoes such as Nike Air Force One, pumps and other casual footwear are also not acceptable uniform.

Outdoor coats

An outdoor coat in a plain, medium to dark colour would be most appropriate. **'Hoodies', denim, leather or fur jackets are not acceptable as an alternative to a coat and must not be worn to school.**

PE kit

For reasons of safety and hygiene, students must wear appropriate kit for the activity they are undertaking.

Compulsory items:

Black/electric blue polo shirt with school logo

Football style black shorts – plain with no logos/branding. Denefield shorts or skort – **no cycling shorts**

Black football/rugby socks/hockey socks

White sports socks

Moulded football/rugby boots. These are suitable for both grass and the 3G pitch surface and students therefore need just one pair of boots. (Please note that the following types of footwear are **not** suitable for the 3G pitch: trainers, metal tipped studs, plastic screw in studs or AstroTurf boots).

Sports trainers – no Converse, Vans, canvas plimsolls or similar

Gum shield

Shin pads

Optional items:

Reversible black/electric blue long sleeve sports shirt with school logo

Black/electric blue skort

Black tracksuit bottoms – plain with no logos/branding

Black leggings – plain with no logos/branding. Leggings may **not** be worn at school unless for PE

Black crew neck sweatshirt – plain with no logos/branding

Jewellery

Nothing of any great value should be worn as the school cannot take responsibility for its loss. Items should be discreet and students should not wear anything that could be a danger in lessons such as PE, science or D&T. Students may wear one necklace, one bracelet, one ring, **one stud in each earlobe maximum. No facial jewellery, other than studs in ears, may be worn. One small, clear plastic retainer is tolerated in the nose, but this should not be easily detectable. All jewellery must be removed for PE.**

Make-up

Girls may wear a discreet amount of make-up, but this should not be obvious. **Nail varnish should not be coloured.** Acrylic and gel nails are not allowed.

Hairstyles

Parents/carers are asked to help us maintain the right atmosphere in school by encouraging hairstyles that are appropriate for a place of work. ***Extreme hair colours and styles are not acceptable.***

- Hair must be of a natural colour.
- Where hair is clipped or shaved it must be a minimum of grade 1 at the back and sides and a minimum of grade 3 at the top.
- No designs, patterns or tramlines are permitted.

Non-compliance

The wearing of correct uniform is compulsory at Denefield and students who do not comply with the expectations will not be allowed their social time, and on occasion, to participate in lessons.

If you are ever in doubt about any item, please contact the school first.