



Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy
Appearance and Uniform Policy
September 2025

Uniform

All uniform should be worn correctly: Shirts tucked in, skirts at full length

- School Blazer: Maroon for Years 7 to 11
- Plain short or long sleeve white shirt – **No turned up sleeves, tucked in at all times**
- Clip on school tie
- Black V-neck jumpers may be worn during term's 1 to 4 but are not permitted during term 5 & 6.
School blazer must be worn at all times.
- Black trousers of a smart tailored fit. **No jeans/leggings/jeggings/skinny fit or cropped trousers to be worn**
- Black dropped waist pleated skirt to be worn at the appropriate length. **No belts to be worn and skirts must not be rolled up**
- Black tailored shorts may be worn, **for term 5 & 6 only**
- Plain **black** socks or black tights only (**minimum 40 denier**)
- Black leather flat shoes. **Boots/sandals not to be worn. No air bubbles in the sole.**
- Outdoor coat. **No denim or leather jackets. Hoodies, tracksuit tops or tech fleeces are not permitted**

If you are in any doubt about uniform, please contact school before purchasing

Physical Education Kit

- Years 8 – 11 - School sports top or plain red polo shirt with optional school logo
- Year 7 - School sports top with optional school logo
- School red PE hoodie (optional) or plain red sweatshirt with optional school logo
- Plain black appropriate length shorts, or plain black leggings/tracksuit bottoms (small logo permitted).
Cycling shorts are not permitted
- Black football socks or white sports socks
- Indoor trainers. **No crocs allowed**
- Suitable outdoor trainers during winter/cross country
- Football boots and optional shin pads
- Optional Rugby shirt
- Mouth guards are optional for contact sports

All uniform and kit can be purchased from the following suppliers:

Hamiltons: 41 Granby Street, Ilkeston, DE7 8HP (0115 932 6333)

Morleys: 116 – 118 Bramcote Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 4DR (0115 925 8046)

Morleys: 446 Nottingham Road, Chaddesden, Derby DE21 6PE (01332 281311)



Appearance

Jewellery

- One close fitting ring only to be worn on hand
- One watch
- No upper ear or facial piercings to be worn. One small plain nose stud may be worn.
- One pair of close-fitting plain stud earrings in the lobe of the ear
- Bracelets are not permitted to be worn
- 1 necklace may be worn under shirts, they must be removed for practical lessons

Make Up

- Light foundation and mascara are allowed
- Eyebrows should be of natural shape or colour

Nails

- No nail polish
- No gel nails
- No acrylic or false nails
- Natural nails only

Hair

- Students' hair should be no shorter than a number 2
- Shaved sections are not permitted
- Hair colour must be natural with natural looking highlights allowed (no bright colours eg red, green, purple, pink, blue)
- No tramlines or patterns cut in the hair are permitted
- Only a plain headband or bobble should be worn
- Hair fashions such as flowers/bright and bold hair clips are not permitted
- Long hair must be tied back for PE and practical subjects
- No shaved eyebrows

Any breach of uniform or appearance policy will be dealt with according to the school policy. Parents/carers will be contacted when deemed necessary.

If any student is unable to attend the school due to a uniform or appearance issue, parents/carers must contact school to inform them. If the correct footwear is not worn an alternative may be provided. In this instance, students will be given required time to adhere to the policy. This will be given on a case by case basis by the Key Stage Leaders.