

## School Uniform and Equipment Requirements and Expectations 2022 – 23

We believe that a uniform creates a feeling of belonging. Harlington students are proud to wear Harlington School's uniform as a symbol of identity and school unity. We are unapologetic about having high expectations about the wearing of our uniform. All students are required to wear full school uniform at all times, *including to and from school*. Dealing with inappropriate uniform matters detracts from time devoted to learning so thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Students who are not in correct uniform and who do not have a note from their parent explaining the reason will be offered uniform to borrow, secluded from other students, or issued a School Detention. If pupils bring or wear non-uniform items to school, they will be confiscated. Failure to hand items over, or a refusal to change into provided items will result in a student being internally excluded for failing to follow staff requests. Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form who are not wearing clothes that adhere to the 6<sup>th</sup> Form dress code will be sent home to change.

All students are expected to wear their shirt, tie and blazer with lapel year "pin" badge at all times in lessons and around school (with the exception of PE lessons). If a student loses a year badge or their year group tie, replacements must be purchased from finance. Students will be issued these items *free of charge* in the September they join the school, and in Year 11. They will have the same colour stripe/ badge throughout their time in the school from year 7 – 10.

Current year group colours 2022 -23:

Year 7 – Green

Year 9 – Orange

Year 11 – Plain Navy

Year 8 – Light Blue

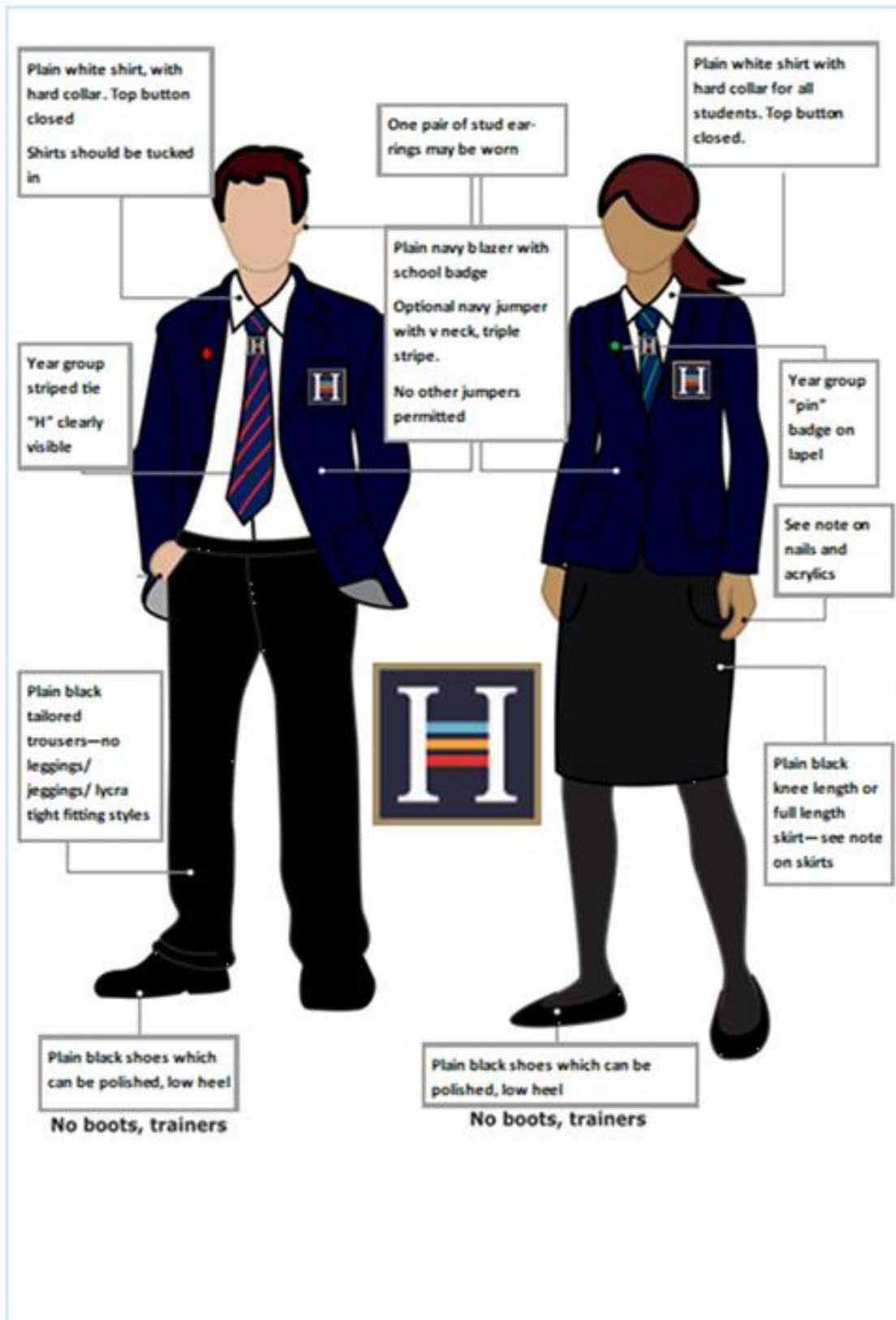
Year 10 – Purple

6<sup>th</sup> form - Red Lanyard & ID badge

We would like to thank the vast majority of parents who help us to ensure that correct uniform is worn to our high standards by their children.

*Please note that we **will not** return confiscated items to students, but only to their parents. We only return confiscated items to parents on a Friday after school, unless an appointment has previously been made with the Head of Year. Please do not turn up unannounced demanding your child's items, as we expect support from parents in ensuring that these items are not worn in the first place, and that parents do not undermine the school in matters of uniform. **Should a confiscated item be mislaid, please be aware that we will not replace it or reimburse you, whatever its value.***

Parents may be aware of recent headlines which state: "School uniforms will be made more affordable for families under a new law passed by Parliament (29 April 2021)." We continue to support families with uniform assistance, keep our costs as low as possible with the majority of items sourced from high street stores, and financial assistance available for branded items. Please contact your child's head of year in confidence, if you require assistance with the cost of uniform, and we will do our best to assist.



### The uniform of Harlington School is as follows:

- Navy HS Blazer from School Supplier or a high street Navy Blazer with HS Badge from school supplier (compulsory) worn with year group “pin” badge on lapel
- Navy HS Tie issued from school with year group stripe, worn with the ‘H’ clearly visible (compulsory)
- Black ‘Business Style’ Trousers – see uniform notes
- Black ‘A’ Line Knee or Ankle Length Skirt – see uniform notes.
- White Shirt – hard collar, for **all** students, with top button closed.
- Plain black shoes that can be polished – Trainers, boots and canvas shoes are not permitted. Most ‘Kickers’ styles are acceptable, but not ‘trainer’ style.

**From September 2021, Nike Air Force Trainers are NOT permitted.**

**Medical Note:** If your child has a medical exemption from their doctor that requires them to wear trainers, then they must wear a plain black style with no visible logo and no contrasting colour sole.

- Navy HS ‘Stripe’ Jumper from School Supplier (if required, but not in place of blazer)
- Navy or black turban / hijab (if required)
- Plain coloured outer coat without large logos.
- Plain black or navy hair band or hair bobbles - no other hair adornments or colours for hair ties.

### Sports Kit

- HS light blue PE polo shirt and long socks (compulsory)
- HS black shorts or track bottoms (compulsory)
- Sports trainers with non-marking soles - No canvas plimsolls please
- HS PE Reversible long-sleeved Jersey (optional and available to order)

### Uniform Notes:

- Full uniform must be worn to and from school as well as in school.
- No ‘hoodies’ or other sports wear are permitted, *including wearing them to and from school.* They will be confiscated if seen, whatever the weather.
- Shirts should be tucked into trousers/skirts.
- Skirts should be knee length or full length and be of a plain school style. Uneven hems, stretch lycra style (tight tube) and frills are not allowed. ‘A’ Line or pleated styles are permitted.
- Trousers should be ‘business style’ and not be made of denim, lycra or other fashion materials. They must be full length. No skinny styles or leggings are permitted.
- An abaya, if worn, should be worn underneath school uniform. A school shirt and tie must be visible and worn over the top. If trousers are worn underneath then they must be plain black business style trousers.
- UGG Boots or similar, trainers, plimsolls and backless ‘flip-flop’ design shoes are not permitted.



### Make Up, Jewellery and Nails.

- Make up, if worn, must be discrete. Students will be asked to remove it if it is deemed excessive.
- Earrings must be small, flat studs only; a small nose stud may be worn. No other jewellery must be worn.

### No acrylic or false nails

We do not permit the wearing of acrylic or false nails of any kind. We allow students to have painted, natural nails, provided they are rounded and not protruding past the end of the finger. This is for health and safety reasons. Students will be withdrawn from the main school and educated in H.AP until acrylics are removed.



We consider that we have a generous and permissive policy with respect to discrete make up and nail polish, and students are appreciative of the policy. However, with this come respect and responsibility. We will *not* enter into a debate with any student or parent about what we consider to be an acceptable interpretation of the policy. Any student that refuses to follow staff instructions to remove make up, jewellery or inappropriate nails will be immediately withdrawn from the main school until they comply.

### Visible Piercings & Jewellery

We do not allow visible piercings, other than flat studs in the ears, and a small nose stud. Facial piercings, including those in the nose and mouth are not permitted. We strictly enforce this and students will be expected to remove them, *irrespective of when the piercing was carried out*. Refusal to do so will result in sanctions being applied, including seclusion in H.AP until such time as the piercing is taken out.

The Head's decision on what constitutes an acceptable interpretation of our uniform and appearance policy is final. If you are unsure about an item of high street school wear then please check with us before you buy – thank you.

We stock a small amount of branded uniform items in school, which you can purchase via Parentmail, or you can purchase our uniform from PMG Schoolwear:

Unit 4, Swan Wharf Business Centre,  
Waterloo Road,  
Uxbridge,  
Middlesex,  
UB8 2RA

Opening hours  
Monday - Friday 9.30am - 5.00pm.  
Tel. 01895 809326  
e-mail [uxbridge@pmgretail.co.uk](mailto:uxbridge@pmgretail.co.uk)  
[www.pmgretail.co.uk](http://www.pmgretail.co.uk)

### **6<sup>th</sup> Form Business Dress Expectations**

As part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Code of Conduct, 6<sup>th</sup> Form students are expected to wear business dress: Students must wear tailored trousers or skirt (knee length or ankle length) + shirt/blouse + smart shoes. The overall appearance should be of a formal nature.

*No denim, No trainers, No T – Shirts, No shorts, No caps or hoods.*

6<sup>th</sup> Form MUST wear their lanyard and ID for safeguarding purposes.

### **Financial Assistance with uniform**

Please contact your child's Head of Year for a confidential discussion if you are having difficulty with the cost of uniform. There is no longer an automatic entitlement to uniform assistance on receipt of free school meals or other benefits but we will try to help out with the cost of uniform wherever possible.

### **Lost Property**

All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the student's name. Lost property will be kept until the end of each term and then donated to charity.

### **'Snowday' Uniform Amendment**

In severe weather, the school occasionally will operate a 'Snowday' uniform amendment. We inform parents via the Website and via Parentmail messaging if this is the case, and give full details of when the 'Snowday' amendment is in force.

When 'Snowday' is in operation, students may wear trainers, boots or any other appropriate footwear so that they can travel safely. They can also wear additional jumpers and 'hoodies' to and from school and these will not be confiscated.

### **Equipment List**

There are a number of items that a student needs to be able to take a full and active part in learning at Harlington School. These are listed below, and should be carried by students at all times:

- 2 or more Black or blue writing pens
- Pencil and coloured pencils
- Eraser
- Ruler (12 inch or 30cm)
- Pencil case
- A Scientific Calculator – can be purchased from the school finance office
- A Mathematics Set – can be purchased from the school finance office
- A small pocket dictionary
- A reading book
- A school bag (a rucksack is best) that is large enough to carry A4 exercise books and a PE Kit

Students are also encouraged to purchase a foreign language dictionary when they begin their languages lessons and also to purchase a technology apron for art and D & T lessons.

A student planner will be provided at the start of the school year, detailing key expectations for behaviour and lesson timings. Students must have their planner signed by their class teacher to give permission to be out of class during lesson time. If a student loses their planner, they must pay for a replacement. These are available from the finance office.