

UNIFORM POLICY

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HARTFORD
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
HIGH SCHOOL

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Mission Statement:

Our mission at Hartford Church of England High School is to provide an outstanding, inclusive and ambitious education for all. Children develop and thrive both within and beyond the classroom. They are known, with their talents embraced and promoted. They develop into young people who will make a substantial contribution to the world. They enjoy an education rooted in a shared set of Christian values that radiate the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

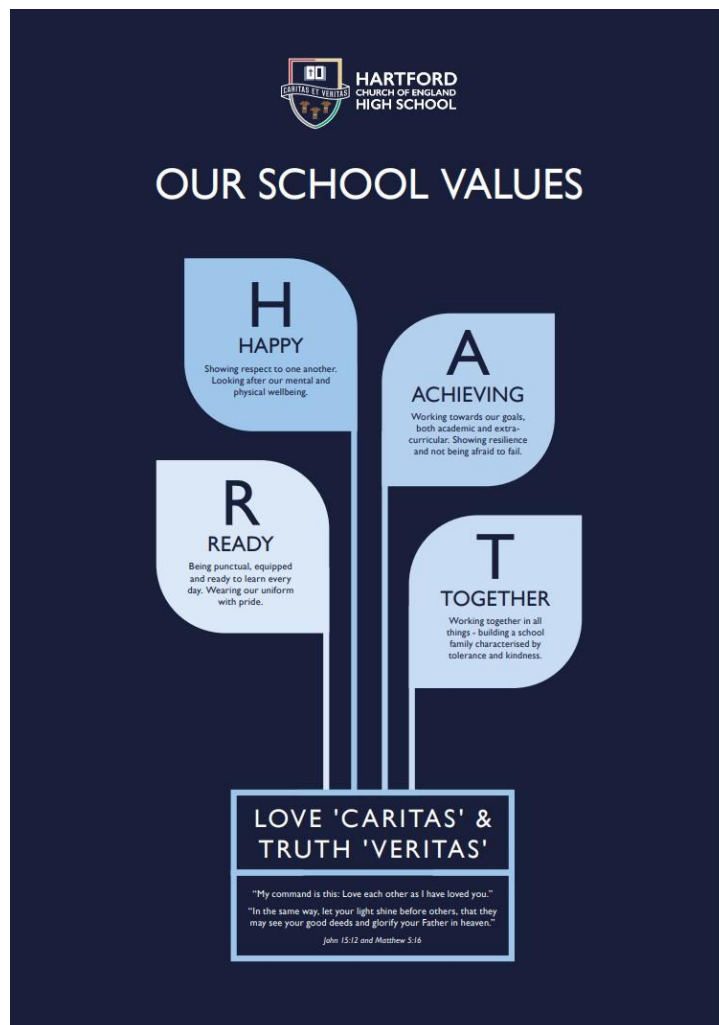
Everything we do at Hartford Church of England High School as students, staff, Governors and wider stakeholders, centres on the core values of our school:

Happy: Showing respect to one another. Looking after our mental and physical wellbeing.

Achieving: Working towards our goals, both academic and extra-curricular. Showing resilience and not being afraid to fail.

Ready: Being punctual, equipped and ready to learn every day. Wearing our uniform with pride.

Together: Working together in all things - building a school family characterised by tolerance and kindness.



"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

John 15:12 and Matthew 5:16

Equally, the educational offer at Hartford Church of England High School is based on the Church of England's four key principles for education:

- Educating for wisdom, knowledge and skills
- Educating for hope and aspiration
- Educating for community and living well together
- Educating for dignity and respect

The Uniform Policy for Hartford Church of England High School fully embodies our values, our mission statement and the key principles for education set out by the Church of England.

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1. Introduction

At Hartford Church of England High School, we believe that a school uniform encourages a sense of community, helps develop a sense of pride and supports equal opportunities. All students are required to wear our school uniform that has been designed with smartness, safety, professionalism and practicality in mind.

Since each young person coming to and from school is an ambassador for the school, we expect them to represent us by dressing correctly at all times, taking pride in their uniform. High standards can only be achieved with the support of parents/carers. We welcome and expect parental cooperation in ensuring that students arrive at school in full uniform.

This Policy has been written considering the statutory guidance 'Cost of School Uniforms' and the non-statutory guidance 'Developing School Uniform Policy'. Furthermore, the school uniform and PE kit were re-designed for September 2024 through consultation with students, parents, carers, staff and Governors. This consultation ensured that the items that were to be worn from 2024 onwards are appropriate for students. Finally, the Policy aims to ensure affordability for all families whilst ensuring that bullying is rare, and the pressures felt by children and young people from peers, social media and other external factors are limited.

2. Uniform

All students must wear:

- A school blazer with school badge; sleeves should be full length (not rolled).
 - A school tie representing both their family and year group.
 - A plain, full collar, pale blue shirt, tucked in to trousers or a skirt.
 - Plain, black, full leather or equivalent school shoes (without logos).
 - Plain, black trousers - straight cut, wool mix or polyester, to be worn with plain black ankle socks.
- OR
- A plain black pleated school skirt of appropriate length (with or without the school logo) to be worn with plain black tights (minimum 40 denier). In cold weather plain black ankle socks may be worn under or over the tights.

If they wish, during the colder months, students may also wear a plain navy-blue, V-necked, long-sleeved pullover (clearly a jumper not a sweatshirt) with or without the school badge. This should only be worn as an addition to the school uniform and not instead of the school blazer. Following the Easter holidays, up to October half term, students are not permitted to wear jumpers.

When the weather requires it, students should have a waterproof coat to wear over their blazer outside. All outdoor clothing must be removed when students are inside the school buildings.

Please note:

- Trainers are not permitted to be worn in school except where students are participating in PE lessons, sports activities or extra-curricular activities that require them; for example, when playing football on the 3G pitch or basketball in the sports hall at lunchtime.
- Hoodies are not allowed to be worn on the school site at any time.
- For Year 7, 8 and 9 students, the school blazer must be the new school blazer introduced on 5 September 2024.

3. Sportswear

Sportswear for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Students in September 2026

Compulsory items of PE kit for PE lessons and where representing the school in sports activities that all Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students must own, and wear are:

- A navy and blue school PE t-shirt.
- One of the following:
 - Navy school PE shorts.
 - Navy school PE skort.
- Navy sports socks with a blue stripe or plain navy sports socks. In the summer term students may choose to wear navy ankle socks.
- Athletic style trainers with the necessary support and cushioning to reduce the likelihood of injury. Nb canvas or fashion trainers e.g. Nike Air force styles are not permitted.
- Students are advised to wear football boots for activities on grass and to use shin pads during contact sport – such as football.
- For rugby, gum shields must be worn when taking part in any contact activities.

If students wish, they may also wear the following items for PE lessons:

- Navy school PE leggings.
- Navy school PE track pant.
- Navy school PE ¼ zip top Navy school base layer.

Sportswear for Year 10 and Year 11 Students in September 2026

For PE lessons and where representing the school in sports activities, all students in Year 10 and Year 11 in September 2026 should wear items from the Year 7, 8 and 9 PE kit listed above OR the following:

- White polo-shirt.
- Navy blue skort OR navy/royal blue shorts.
- Navy sports socks with a blue stripe or plain navy sports socks. In the summer term students may choose to wear navy ankle socks.
- Athletic style trainers with the necessary support and cushioning to reduce the likelihood of injury. Nb canvas or fashion trainers e.g. Nike Air force styles are not permitted.

The following items of sportswear are optional for Year 10 and Year 11 students only in September 2026:

- Football/astro/rugby boots.
- Navy blue plain tracksuit bottoms.
- Reversible blue and gold rugby shirt.
- Quarter-zip outerwear top (for inclement weather).

Please note: School-branded items for Year 10 and Year 11 can be purchased from school as new or in Hartford Church of England High School's 'pre-loved' shop.

4. Dancewear

Dancewear for Dance Lessons for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Students in September 2026

Compulsory items of PE kit for Dance lessons and where representing the school in Dance activities that all Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students must own and wear are:

- A navy and blue school PE t-shirt.
- One of the following:
 - Navy school PE shorts.
 - Navy school PE skirt.

If students wish, they may also wear the following items for Dance lessons:

- Navy school PE leggings.
- Navy school PE track pant.
- Navy school PE ¼ zip top Navy school base layer.

Students are not to wear socks or trainers in Dance unless medical evidence is provided that a student cannot be bare foot.

Dancewear for Year 10 and Year 11 Students in September 2026

For Dance lessons and where representing the school in Dance activities, all students in Year 10 and Year 11 in September 2026 should wear items from the Year 7, 8 and 9 Dance kit listed above OR the following:

- Plain Black T-shirt
- Plain black leggings

No logos or writing can be on the above clothing should a student wish to wear it. Students can be assessed in Dance in Years 10 & 11 in either their all-black clothing or the PE kit listed above. For Years 10 & 11 only, students are advised but it is not compulsory, to wear leggings due to the amount of floorwork in the GCSE specification.

5. Other Compulsory Uniform Items

A sturdy school bag including a pencil case, pens (black/blue and green), pencil, ruler and calculator; calculators can be purchased from school or locally on the high street and should be a CASIO scientific calculator.

Given the mobile phone ban in place, all students are required to have on their person the pouch provided to them by the school in which their mobile phone must be stored during the school day. Where students forget to bring their pouch, their phone will be kept securely in the student reception for that day. If they state that they are not in possession of their mobile phone, a wand will be used in a non-contact search to verify that this is the case.

*A water bottle is advisable too as there are water dispensing machines around school for students to use.

6. Summer Uniform

During the warmer months (post Easter to October half term), students are not permitted to wear jumpers. When the weather is warm, we will always give students the option to remove their blazers, however, they must always have their blazers with them. In extreme heat, we will allow students to wear their PE kit to school. We will always inform parents by 4pm the day before, but usually earlier than this, about any uniform change through our regular communication channels.

7. Other Important Information

- Students must not wear jewellery in school, this includes bracelets, necklaces and piercings.
- Students may wear a watch, but not a smart watch such as an Apple Watch.
- Hair must be appropriate for school; this includes natural colours and not extreme styles.
- Subtle make-up may be worn.
- Nails must be natural, unvarnished and of an appropriate length.
- False eyelashes/eyelash extensions must not be worn for school.

8. Medical Needs

Where a student cannot wear trainers due to a medical need, they must provide medical evidence and consult with the Senior Assistant Headteacher – Inclusion (SEND/CO) to ensure that reasonable adjustments can be put in place. Once the evidence is provided and verified, a student will be issued with a pass and permitted to wear trainers, which must be plain black.

Where a student cannot wear tights or school trousers, they must provide medical evidence and consult with the Senior Assistant Headteacher – Inclusion (SEND/CO) to ensure that reasonable adjustments can be put in place. Once the evidence is provided and verified, reasonable adjustments will include cotton leggings and, in rare circumstances, plain black socks worn below the knee.

For any other medical or SEND need where a reasonable adjustment needs to be put in place, parents/carers must contact the Senior Assistant Headteacher – Inclusion (SEND/CO) in the first instance so that discussions can be held and appropriate supportive plans put in place.

9. Failure to abide by the Uniform Policy

Where a student arrives at school and is not compliant with the Uniform Policy, every effort will be made to provide them with items of uniform to ensure compliance. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: shoes to replace trainers, tights to replace socks and blazers to replace jumpers. Clear plastic studs will be available where students are not confident to remove piercings.

When a student fails to bring their tie to school, a tie will be loaned but this will be logged. If this happens more than twice, on the third occasion students will receive a 30-minute after school detention that day for repeated failure to adhere to the Uniform Policy, as outlined in our Behaviour Policy.

If a student refuses to comply with the Uniform Policy despite support being offered to do so, they will be placed in the Restroom and the school's Behaviour Policy will be applied.

Where a student continually fails to adhere to the Uniform Policy, further sanctions may be applied.

10. Hardship

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the compulsory items of uniform are affordable, Hartford Church of England High School recognises that for some families this may not be the case. Hartford Church of England High School operates a pre-loved uniform swap-shop. We stock all types of pre-worn uniform and footwear that are in good condition. Families kindly donate items for the shop throughout the year and they are always available to students who need them.

Where any parent/carer has concerns about the ability of their child to meet the requirements outlined in this Policy, they should contact the school via the school's usual communication methods.

11. Uniform Ordering

Following consultation with parents/carers, uniform items branded with the Hartford Church of England High School logo can all be bought locally:

- Since June 2024, Northwich Schoolwear supplies all items of school-branded compulsory uniform for Years 7, 8 and 9. This uniform has the current Hartford Church of England High School logo on it.
- All items of school-branded uniform with the old Hartford Church of England High School logo on for Year 10 and Year 11 and can be purchased directly from school whilst it remains in stock. This stock is being sold at a substantial discount. Email uniformorders@hartfordhigh.co.uk.
- All ties can be purchased from school and directly from Northwich Schoolwear.
- A 'pre-loved' uniform shop stocks many uniform items and is available for browsing at open evening and parents' events throughout the year.

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Signed by

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Chair of Governors:

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