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1. Rationale and Philosophy

1.1 At STAHS, we believe that our school uniform is central to building a sense of community amongst pupils, staff and parents as well as the local community. STAHS pupils are proud to represent their school in public, and wearing a branded STAHS uniform is one way of expressing their connection to the school.

1.2 School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging amongst pupils. These factors contribute to pupils' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers. Uniform removes the points of difference between pupils, thus unifying the school and providing a greater focus on academic work or other school activities.

1.3 Wearing a school uniform and adhering to a dress code sets boundaries by placing pupils in a 'working environment' mindset and helps them separate their home and school life. Research indicates that school uniforms contribute to helping pupils stay focused while they work and keep them in a 'school mindset'. Research shows that schools with clear and regulated school uniform policies have higher standards of pupil behaviour than schools with less formal approaches.

1.4 STAHS offers high-quality uniform and sports kit that is often outgrown before being worn out. Our second-hand uniform shop provides pupils and parents with an option of purchasing pre-owned items of school uniform for a fraction of the cost of new kit – it's economical and much more environmentally sustainable than purchasing new uniform or poorer quality, fast-fashion for casual wear.

2. Lower and Middle School Uniform and Dress Code (Years 7-11)

2.1 Uniform

a) The school blazer must be worn to school each day. Pupils may remove their blazers around school but must wear them for assemblies and formal services.
b) Lanyards holding school ID should be always worn around the neck and visible.
c) Pupils may wear their own lanyard but must not contain any offensive language or symbols within the design.
d) Pupils must wear a Stevensons navy blue school skirt (to sit just above the knee), navy blue trousers or navy-blue shorts (to sit just above the knee). Demin, legging-style and athleisure shorts/trousers are not permitted.
e) A school shirt must be worn.
f) Pupils can wear an optional navy-blue jumper, cable knit jumper, or sweatshirt which should not contain any labels or branding.
g) Hoodies are not permitted.
h) Pupils may wear religious head-coverings, in navy blue or black.
i) An optional coat, plain and dark in colour may be worn to school. Coats must be placed in lockers on arrival to school. When weather is exceptionally cold students are given permission to keep their coat on as they move between school buildings.
j) Hats, caps and bandanas can be worn to and from school but should be placed in lockers on arrival.
k) Plain navy blue or black tights (not laddered) or plain blue or black socks must be worn.
l) Fluffy socks and socks worn over tights are not permitted.

m) If PE kit is being worn during the school day, legs must be covered by tracksuit bottoms or leggings in lessons where there is a health and safety requirement e.g. cooking or science.
n) Plain black shoes, fastened by Velcro or laces, must be worn. No branding should be visible on school shoes.
o) The following are not permitted: heels, ballet flats, shoes above the ankle e.g., boots.
p) Trainers are not permitted e.g., Converse All Stars or Nike Air Force trainers.

2.2 Makeup, hair and jewellery

a) Hair should be tied up for practical subjects: Science, DT, Art, Drama, Music, Sport (with navy, black, brown or natural hair tie). Teachers may also request that hair is tied up at other times for health and safety reasons.
b) Make-up and hair colour should be in natural colours.
c) Nails must be natural and kept to medium to short length. No nail varnish or false/acrylic nails are allowed.
d) False eyelashes are not permitted.
e) Jewellery is worn at the owner's risk: earrings, if worn, must be studs (not hoops) which must be able to be removed for PE and Games.
f) Pupils may wear one necklace carrying a pendant no larger than 2cm in length, one ring and a watch are permitted. No bracelets should be worn. Necklaces should be tucked into a shirt.
g) Only ear piercings are allowed – no other face or body piercings are permitted.
h) Ears should be pierced at the start of the summer holidays so earrings can be removed for PE and Games by the start of the academic year in September. Pupils may not participate in PE or Games whilst wearing jewellery and pupils will not be excused from these activities due an inability to remove jewellery.

2.3 PE Kit

a) School navy blue games skort or shorts (depending upon the sport).
b) School navy blue shirt.
c) School navy and yellow sports socks or white sports socks.
d) Appropriate exercise trainers (no Converse, Plimsoll, Green Flash or Nike Air Force).
e) School base layer leggings or school navy blue tracksuit bottoms.
f) All jewellery (including piercings) must be removed.
g) STAHS base layers may be worn in cold weather. Additional layers, for warmth, consist of the school mid-layer jumper, a navy waterproof jacket and a STAHS bench jacket.
h) Coats worn into school are not permitted for PE or Games lessons.
i) Plain black Nike-Pro shorts/similar are only permitted at athletics competitions or co-curricular gymnastics.

2.4 Mufti Uniform

a) Hair should be tied up for practical subjects: Science, DT, Art, Drama, Music, Sport (with navy, black, brown or natural hair tie). Teachers may also request that hair is tied up at other times for health and safety reasons.
b) Clothing must fully cover the midriff – no skin should be visible between top of a pupil's trousers/skirt and the bottom of their shirt.
c) No spaghetti straps or strapless tops.
d) Shorts and skirts must be at least mid-thigh in length, cycling shorts are not permitted.

e) Flip-flops are not allowed.
f) School PE kit should be worn for any PE, Games or sporting activities on a mufti day.

3. Sixth Form Dress Code

3.1 Dress Code

a) Lanyards holding school ID should be always worn around the neck and visible.
b) Hair should be tied up for practical subjects: Science, DT, Art, Drama, Music, Sport. Teachers may also request that hair is tied up at other times for health and safety reasons.
c) No strapless or backless tops.
d) Shorts and skirts should not be overly ripped, and should be appropriate for a school environment
e) No beach wear is permitted (which includes tops that are overly short)
f) Flip-flops are not allowed.
g) On 'official navy' days, students who choose to wear a navy skirt, should wear a straight navy non-lycra style one.

3.2 PE Kit

a) Nails must be natural and kept to medium to short length. No false/acrylic nails are allowed.
b) All jewellery (including piercings) must be removed.
c) Own exercise top
d) Own exercise leggings.
e) Appropriate exercise trainers