

Uniform (Years 7 – 11)

By adopting a uniform policy, our aim is to encourage our students to dress smart and think smart. All students who attend The Latimer Arts College should adhere to the following uniform procedures.

College blazer: to be worn at all times but may be removed in lessons and at lunchtime.

White school shirt: shirts must be worn tucked in and must be conventional school shirts and not fashion blouses.

College tie (clip-on)

College jumper: optional.

Plain black full length school trousers or plain black school knee length skirt: please note that lycra skirts, leggings, jeans and chino trousers are not permitted. Trousers must be full length.

Plain black school shoes: please note that trainers and canvas shoes are not permitted.

PE and Dance Uniform

Please note that from September 2018 **all students in Years 7 and 8** will be expected to wear the new compulsory PE Kit, with the rest of the students expected to wear the new compulsory PE Kit from September 2019.

PE BASIC KIT for YEAR 7 and 8

Indoor Trainers with non-marking soles (to be used indoors only)

Outdoor Trainers

Black & White shorts or Black & Scarlet Skort with school badge

Red football socks for football/rugby and optional trainer socks for other sports

Red polo shirt with school badge

PE BASIC KIT for OTHER YEAR GROUPS (for 2018/19 only)

Training shoes (not fashion boots) with non-marking soles

Plain Black Shorts

Red socks

Red polo / rugby shirt

DANCE KIT

T-shirt or red PE polo shirt

Jogging bottoms / leggings / shorts or dance trousers

Bare feet or appropriate dance shoes

Optional PE Items

Football boots (that can eventually be used on a 3G pitch with plastic studs)

Shin pads

Gum shields (recommended for rugby lessons)

Towel

Rugby shirt

Dark black/blue tracksuit bottoms

Performance top (black with red trim)

Additional Uniform Procedures

Coats: Should students wish to wear an outdoor jacket or coat to College, please be mindful that these should support the business-like College policy. Coats should be of a plain colour and not emblazoned with badges, printed slogans or pictures. Jackets should not be too casual, for example, denim, leather, tracksuit tops, hooded tops, sweatshirts, non-College jumpers or cardigans. Before investing in a winter coat, please liaise with the College if you are in any doubt as to what is acceptable.

Jewellery: Students are permitted to wear up to two studs in each earlobe, a watch and a “medical alert” bracelet or necklace. No other body piercings, jewellery or charity bands are allowed. Ear plugs, tapers and bars are not permitted, nor are earrings that are not in the lobe of the ear. If seen, these items will be confiscated.

No jewellery is to be worn in Dance and PE lessons for safety reasons.

Make-up: We discourage the wearing of make-up to College but if worn it should appear subtle and natural. Gel and acrylic nails are not permitted and nails should not be painted. Students will be instructed to remove inappropriate make-up, nails or nail varnish.

Hair: Hair must be cut in a formal style suitable for College. Hair colour should look natural. Unnatural colours such as pink and green etc are not permitted. Closely shaved hair (below number 3), excessively spiked hair, patterns and designs in hair are not permitted. If parents/carers are unsure if a particular hairstyle will be permitted by the College, please contact us prior to restyling taking place. Long hair must be tied back for Dance and PE lessons and when undertaking practical work in Design Technology and Science.

Valuables: Personal property brought into the College is done so at the owner’s risk. We do encourage our students to respect each other’s property and we do take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of such items. However, if things become lost or damaged, we cannot accept liability for this.

Please note that if mobile phones or other electronic devices, and the associated headphones, are brought into College, these should be placed in bags at the start of the day once a student arrives at the College gates. For some year groups, electronic devices are permitted in lessons for learning activities and should be replaced in bags once the activity is completed. If electronic devices and headphones are seen at other times, these will be confiscated.

Additional Important Information

College blazers, ties and optional jumpers should be purchased from the College’s uniform supplier: **Karl Sports Clothing**. Contact details and how to order uniform is on the College website www.latimer.org.uk. Click on ‘Parents and Carers’ then on ‘Uniform and PE Kit’. PE kit is also available to order from Karl Sports Clothing.

Karl Sports have moved and are now at: Unit 7, Trafalgar Road, Kettering NN16 8DB (just behind B&Q), they also have a free phone telephone number 0330 008 0401 for any enquiries.

During extreme weather conditions, daily moderations to the uniform procedures may be made by the Principal. For example, students may be permitted to wear alternative footwear if there are icy conditions or permitted to remove ties and blazers if the weather is extremely hot. Parents/carers will be notified, where relevant, on a day to day basis, through the use of School Gateway, should this be the case.

Where there are breaches of the College’s uniform procedures, sanctions, in line with the College’s Behaviour Policy, will be applied accordingly. This may mean that students are sent home to get changed or placed in isolation and not permitted to attend timetabled lessons.

We would be grateful if parents/carers would consider donating blazers and ties at the end of Year 11 so that the College can recycle these. For other years, a ‘swap shop’ arrangement is in place, whereby blazers that are now too small can be swapped for a second-hand larger size (sizes permitting). We encourage all parents/carers to participate in this money saving system, details of which can be obtained on the College’s website.