

## **POLICY TITLE: Student Uniform and Equipment (Years 7-11)**

**STATUS: Statutory**

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Fundamentally, a school uniform creates a sense of equality: from the outset every student is dressed the same, encouraging a sense of belonging and creating a strong identity for the school in the community. Therefore, students at The Latimer Arts College should wear their uniform with pride and not seek to introduce variations nor should this be supported or encouraged by parents and carers. Where there are breaches of the school uniform procedures, sanctions, in line with Latimer's Behaviour for Learning Policy, will be applied accordingly. This may mean that students are asked to borrow uniform, sent home to get changed or placed in internal exclusion.

Be aware that not all items of clothing branded by shops as 'schoolwear' will meet our criteria so please check the following details, which apply to all students in Years 7-11.

### **Main Uniform**

**Latimer blazer:** Compulsory branded item to be worn at all times but may be removed in lessons and at lunchtime.

**White school shirt:** Compulsory non-branded item. Shirts must be worn tucked in and must be conventional school shirts and not fashion blouses.

**Latimer tie:** Compulsory branded item to be worn at all times (with the exception of practical lessons). Each of our four Houses has a different colour tie. Students will be notified of their house allocation prior to starting in September.

**Latimer jumper:** Optional branded item (non Latimer jumpers are not allowed). This should not be worn instead of a blazer.

**Plain black full-length school trousers or plain black school knee length skirt:** Non-branded item. Trousers must be full length, not cropped, leggings (lycra material with no pockets or fastenings) and jeans are not permitted. If students wish to wear skirts there are two approved styles as sold by Karlsports, please note that lycra skirts are not acceptable.

**Plain black footwear:** Non-branded item. Footwear must be completely black, but may be shoes or trainers. No boots or canvas shoes. If students choose to wear trainers to school these cannot be worn for PE.

### **PE and Dance Uniform**

#### **PE Basic Kit**

Compulsory: All students need shorts or skort (summer/indoor) and leggings or tracksuit bottoms (winter/outdoor) and a branded PE shirt, and a change of socks and shoes.

- Black and white Latimer shorts\* or plain black shorts (these must be mid-thigh or knee length)
- Plain black or branded sports leggings\* or tracksuit bottoms

- Black and red skort with school badge\*
- PE shirt with school badge\*
- Trainer socks for other sports (students must have a change of socks)

Optional items are listed below:

- Red football socks for football/rugby\*
- Base layer / plain black jumper (no logo or hood) / training top\* / rugby shirt\*

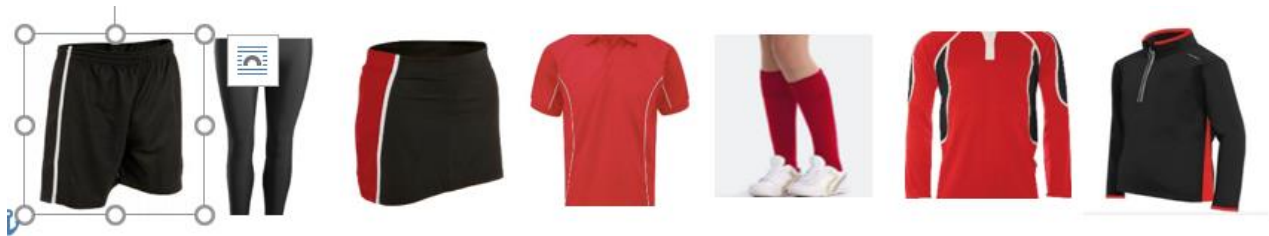
Students should not be wearing hoodies (for health and safety reasons)

## PE Footwear

**Please note that students must have a separate pair of trainers for PE even if they wear black trainers to school.**

4G Pitch: Trainers are permitted, metal studs are not allowed.  
Ideally students should have 'blades' or 'astro-trainers' for this surface (optional)

\*These items are all available from Karlsports



## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

We **strongly advise** that the following Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is worn by students when undertaking the following sports in their PE lessons, as semi-competitive matches, and therefore contact, may take place:

- **Football, Hockey and Futsal:** Shin pads
- **Rugby and Hockey:** Mouth guard

*Please note that many students undertake informal sporting activities at break and lunchtime, such as football. The strong advice above applies at these times as well, and shin guards are recommended for football.*

In line with this guidance, should parents and carers wish their child to wear PPE, it is **parental responsibility** to provide it. Whilst we may have a small supply of spare PPE for any given sport, we are not in a position to guarantee its availability each lesson.

We would recommend that parents and carers ensure that any PPE that is purchased meets the British Standards Institute (BSI) and European (EN) standards.

## Dance Kit

PE kit can be worn for dance

Alternatively, a **plain** T-shirt with jogging bottoms, leggings or dance trousers

If shorts are worn they must be mid-thigh or knee length

Bare feet or appropriate dance shoes

## Uniform Suppliers

Latimer blazers, ties and optional jumpers should be purchased from the school uniform supplier: **Karlsports**. PE kit is also available to order from Karlsports Clothing: [www.ksschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.ksschoolwear.co.uk). They are located at Unit 7 (just behind B&Q), Trafalgar Road, Kettering, Northants, NN16 8DB. Tel: 01536 601731. School has a 'swap shop' arrangement in place, whereby blazers that are too small can be swapped for a second-hand larger size (sizes permitting). We encourage all parents/carers to participate in this money and environment saving system, details of which can be obtained on the school website.

## Additional Uniform Procedures

**Coats:** Should students wish to wear an outdoor jacket or warm coat to school, please be mindful that these should support the business-like Latimer policy. Coats/winter wear should be of a plain colour, with a zip and worn on top of blazers. Denim or leather jackets are not allowed. Any brand names should be discreet.

**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. Piercings that are not in the lobe of the ear are not permitted, nor are tapers or bars. Clear studs should not be used to 'conceal' piercings that are not in the lobe of the ear or in the nose.

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

**Make-up and nails:** We discourage the wearing of make-up to school but if worn it should appear subtle and natural.

**Nails:** 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.

We do not permit students to have tattoos. For information, it is against the law to tattoo a person under the age of 18.

**Hair:** Hair must be cut in a formal style suitable for school. Hair colour should look natural. Unnatural colours such as pink and green etc are not permitted. Closely shaved hair must be minimum grade 2 (not all over). Excessively spiked hair, patterns, tramlines and designs in hair are not permitted. If parents/carers are unsure if a particular hairstyle will be permitted by the school, 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 and Food, therefore a hairband should be brought to school each day.

**Valuables:** Personal property brought into the school 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 property becomes lost or damaged, we cannot accept liability for this.

**Mobile Phones:** If mobile phones or electronic devices are brought into school, these must be switched off and placed in bags as soon as the morning movement bell rings. If electronic devices are permitted in lessons for learning activities these should be replaced in bags, switched off, once the activity is completed. If any electronic devices are seen at other times, these will be confiscated and students will receive a sanction. Should a student persistently have these items confiscated they will only be returned once a parent/carer comes to school to collect them.

## Ready to Learn Equipment

If students are punctual, organised and properly equipped, lessons can start on time and a fast pace of learning can be maintained. We would ask that you support your child to ensure that they are ready to learn.

### Equipment

Students will be issued with all books and folders that they need by the relevant subject areas. In addition to this we do ask parents/carers to provide:

- ✓ Pencil case
- ✓ Black pens
- ✓ Red pens – for self-marking, peer assessment and closing the gap
- ✓ Pencils, eraser and a **clear** ruler (as this supports with the accurate reading of graphs and charts)
- ✓ Colouring pencils and highlighter pens (optional)
- ✓ Protractor and compass
- ✓ Calculator: we recommend the **Casio FX83 calculator**
- ✓ A reading book (from the school library)
- ✓ French dictionary (optional)
- ✓ A whiteboard pen (optional)

It is essential that students have a suitable **school bag** in which to carry their books and equipment for the day, including their PE/Dance kit when needed.

### Additional Important Information

During extreme weather conditions, 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.