

DSTC Uniform Policy

A high standard of personal appearance is expected and any aspect of school uniform not in line with the school uniform policy will be addressed.

Please see items below that must be purchased from our Uniform suppliers

Brigade - <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/DA7274PD/>

TFS - <https://www.tfsclothing.co.uk>

Compulsory DSTC Branded Items	Items which can be brought from any shop	Optional DSTC Branded Items
Black Blazer with DSTC logo School Tie Maroon hooded sweatshirt with DSTC logo With gold embroidered student initials White polo shirt with DSTC logo With gold embroidered student initials	Plain white school shirt, long or short sleeved. Plain black V neck jumpers may be worn under the blazer in cold weather (never as an alternative to a blazer). Black pleated skirt – to be worn knee length or black tailored trousers. Plain white or black socks or black/skin tone tights. Plain flat, black school shoes. Kickers may be worn but they must be black with black laces. OR Plain black trainers including black laces and soles instead of school shoes Plain coat (without logos). Plain black football style mid thigh length shorts (you may choose to purchase the DSTC branded version) Plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings. For PE lessons Non Marking Trainers (no canvas) - black or white. Plimsolls or ballet shoes for dance (optional).	DSTC black shorts embroidered with the school logo. Black V neck jumper with DSTC logo.

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In addition, the following school uniform rules apply:

- **Hair:** hair must be neat and tidy at all times. Extreme hairstyles and unnatural or extreme hair colours are not permitted. Students are not allowed to wear wigs unless there is a medical/cultural reason to do so.
- **Headwear:** students are not allowed to wear hats, bandanas, twine, beads or large bows & headscarves in their hair.
- **Religious headwear** is an accepted part of school uniform. These are to be plain black, maroon or dark blue.
- **Jewellery:** students should not wear any type of jewellery except a wristwatch and a small pair of stud earrings (one in each lower lobe of the ear).
- **Piercings:** any visible body piercing or inappropriate jewellery should be removed by the student before entry to DSTC. ***Any new piercings should be completed at the start of the summer holiday to allow sufficient time for healing as when students return to DSTC they will need to remove them.*** Covering them up is not an option.
- If a student wishes to wear jewellery which has **religious significance** the parent needs to contact the RSL/Vice Principal in advance for permission.
- **Makeup:** is not permitted in Key Stage 3. In Key Stage 4, **makeup** should be discrete and natural looking. It is at the discretion of RSL's/SLT to decide whether a student needs to remove makeup.
- **False eyelashes are not permitted.** If a student wears false eyelashes to school they will be asked to remove them. If they refuse to remove them or cannot remove them they will be placed in IE and parents/carers will be contacted to establish when they can be removed.
- **Nails** should be kept short and natural with no nail varnish. **False nails of any description are not permitted.**
- **Ties:** Ties must be worn at all times. Students in Years 7 to 10 must have their tie long enough to show a minimum of five sets of stripes (Year 11 ties should be the length of an open handspan).

DSTC has a number of good quality second hand items that can be bought directly from the school at significantly reduced prices. Please see the link below to our second hand uniform information which is on our web site

<https://www.dstc.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform+Shop+%2D+%26quot%3BYOUniform%26quot%3B&pid=119>

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DSTC Post 16 Dress Code Policy

At DSTC, Post 16 students are expected to present themselves in a smart, professional manner appropriate to a corporate working environment. As senior members of the school community and role models for younger students, Post 16 students are required to lead by example in both conduct and appearance.

General Expectations

Students must wear professional business attire at all times while on school premises. Casual clothing is not permitted.

Acceptable Attire:

Male Students

- A suit or smart trousers with a formal business shirt.
- A tie is optional.
- No durags, bonnets or bandannas.
- Smart, formal shoes are required.

Female Students

- A tailored suit, smart dress, or a combination of formal separates (e.g. blouse and tailored skirt/trousers).
- Trousers must be formal and tailored, and may be full or $\frac{3}{4}$ length only.
- Skirts and dresses must be of a modest length (just above the knee or longer); elasticated skirts are not permitted.
- Sleeveless tops are allowed, but must not be strappy (e.g. vest tops or strapless garments are not allowed).
- Headscarves for cultural or religious reasons are permitted, however no durags, bonnets or bandannas.
- Smart shoes must be worn at all times.

All Students

- Coats must not be worn inside the school building; coat rails are provided for storage.
- Students must wear their ID badge visibly on a lanyard at all times during the school day.
- Sport Studies students must adhere to the dress code unless they are specifically instructed by staff to wear sportswear for a practical lesson.

Grooming and Appearance

- Hair must be neat and tidy at all times.
- Extreme hairstyles and unnatural or extreme hair colours are not permitted.
- Tattoos (for students who are 18+) must be covered where possible, and must always be covered if they are of a potentially offensive or controversial nature. Students unsure about the suitability of a tattoo should seek guidance from the Post-16 Raising Standards Leader.
- Visible facial piercings are permitted provided they are discreet, minimal and in keeping with a professional appearance. DSTC reserves the right to ask students to remove or cover piercings that are deemed excessive or inappropriate for a formal setting.

Unacceptable Items of Clothing or Footwear

The following are not permitted under any circumstances:

- Denim clothing or jeans.
- Leggings, combat trousers, or jumpsuits.
- Hoodies, sweatshirts, or casual tops.
- Flip-flops, sliders, or backless footwear.

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- Trainers (unless required for medical reasons, in which case they must be plain black with black soles).
- Excessively tight, short, low-cut or revealing clothing, including garments that expose the cleavage or midriff.

Cultural and Religious Dress

DSTC is respectful and supportive of cultural and religious attire. Students wishing to wear religious or cultural dress should speak to the Post-16 Raising Standards Leader in advance.

Enforcement of the Dress Code

Any student not adhering to the dress code may be:

- Asked to return home to change.
- Placed in isolation for the school day.
- Subject to further intervention, with parents/carers contacted as appropriate.

This policy is in place to maintain high standards, encourage professionalism, and promote a respectful and aspirational learning environment for all.

For any questions or clarifications, students should contact the Post-16 Raising Standards Leader.

In adopting this policy we have followed the statutory guidance from The DfE's [statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms](#)