Okehampton College Uniform Guide

The standards set in a school and in particular the standard of a smart uniform, does much to improve and raise expectations for the students. The standard created through the consistency of the uniform will do much to set the tone of the school and will greatly help to encourage a good work ethic for all students.

Uniform Expectations		
Navy Blue Blazer with logo	Compulsory	Available from Thomas Moore, Exeter.
Knee length grey/blue check pleated skirt or grey formal pressed trousers or shorts. Must be approved style from suppliers. (NOT jeans/chinos/leggings or sports wear)	Compulsory	All items available from Thomas Moore Exeter, Schoolwear Direct.
Plain white collared shirt (NOT polo shirt)	Compulsory	Widely available
Navy blue V- neck jumper with logo	Optional	Available from Thomas Moore, Exeter.
Navy tie with yellow stripes	Compulsory	Available from Thomas Moore, Exeter.
Black smart shoes. Must be polishable. Any laces must be black. (**NOT** boots, sandals, high heels, trainers, plimsolls, Converse, Vans, Nike Airforce One's, or similar, canvas or suede shoes).	Compulsory	Widely available
Plain black tights or socks (No white or coloured socks allowed)	Compulsory	Widely available

Please make sure you order any uniform with enough time for it to be with you before the start of the new academic year. NB: The College reserves the right to define what styles of clothing are acceptable in addition to those stated. If you are unsure please contact us for guidance before making purchases.

Uniform Expectations

All students are expected to wear their uniform correctly. Ties must be worn correctly, with the top shirt button done up and the shirt tucked in. All items of clothing must be clearly marked with the owner's name - please check regularly that the name is still visible so lost items can be claimed or returned by/to the rightful owner.

The College cannot accept any responsibility for loss of property or injury incurred by students having inappropriate dress, footwear or jewellery.

Students will be met by staff on arrival to the College and will be challenged if expectations are not met. However, immediate support will also be offered at the start of the day to ensure all students are meeting uniform expectations.

Tutors will carry out uniform checks during morning registration. Students who have not met the uniform expectations will be sent to the Curriculum Support Office for support with uniform issues.

Spare uniform will be lent to students who are not wearing the correct uniform. Students will be expected to wear this uniform if they arrive to College having not met the uniform expectations. Where there are genuine reasons why students are not in the correct uniform students will be supported by our staff and we will contact families to explore a positive way forward.

- **Blazers -** Blazers must be worn to all lessons, as well as on the way to and from College, except when students have been given permission otherwise i.e. outdoors at lunchtimes or by teachers in lessons.

- **Skirts** - Skirts must be between five centimetres above or below the wearer's knee. Please ensure that your child's skirt falls within these boundaries before you purchase it.

- **Trousers** - Trousers must be dark grey (traditional, formal style) tailored school trousers. Other colours or styles such as jeans, leggings, chinos or sports-wear are not permitted. Please ensure that trousers conform to the style required before purchasing. Only approved and endorsed trousers are acceptable. Please bring any uniform that you would like checked and approved into College and we can add a small 'tag' to the waistband of the trousers. This can be done via the Curriculum Support Office near reception.

- **Collared Shirt and Ties** - Shirts must be worn tucked in with all the buttons done up up to the neck underneath the College tie which must be tied appropriately.

- **Jumpers** - The College uniform jumper is an optional item that may be worn in addition to the blazer. No other jumpers or cardigans, etc. are permitted.

- **Shoes** - Shoes must be wholly black with no white or coloured markings whatsoever. Any laces must also be black. They must be leather look/polishable and of a style that is compliant with the acceptable styles on the shoe guide on the following page. Please note that ***any*** style of boots, trainers, plimsolls, converse/vans or similar, sandals, flip-flops, high heeled, canvas or suede shoes are NOT permitted in any weather.

- **Jewellery -** A watch, plain silver/gold stud earrings – one per ear. No other jewellery is permitted in the interest of safety for all students. No other piercing is to be worn in College. (This includes facial piercings regardless of whether it is clear or not). All jewellery/piercings must be removed in PE for Health and Safety reasons (including new piercings). No extreme fashions are permitted.

The College does not take responsibility for the loss of clothing or jewellery.

- **Hair -** Hair should be of a normal/natural colour. Students not adhering to this rule will be asked to change it ASAP and may be taken out of circulation during free time until it is back to normal. No extreme fashions are permitted. If longer than collar length, hair must be tied back in situations where it could cause danger to the individual or others, such as in PE and other practical lessons.

- **Make up / Nail Varnish** - Any make up worn should be very discrete. Neither nail varnish or false nails of any kind are permitted.

- **Post 16 -** Whilst our Post 16 students have no prescribed uniform they are expected to dress in a manner which is conducive to a College and work environment as laid out in the the Post 16 Contract. We do expect our Post 16 students to set a good example of dress to our younger students. The head of Post 16 Education will advise where necessary and will be the final arbitrator.

Shoe Guide

Please use this guide when purchasing school shoes.

Examples of acceptable styles
(not an exhaustive list)

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P.E. Kit

New PE kit has been phased in from September 2021. Therefore, as of September 2022, all year 7 & 8 pupils MUST be wearing the newer look PE kit. The older PE kit is still acceptable for Years 9-11, although they can wear the new PE kit, or items from the new PE kit, if they would prefer.

Year 7 & 8

	Top:	Bottoms:	Socks:	Additional Items:
Compulsory	• Navy & Gold Okehampton College polo shirt	Black or Navy (One or more of below) • Shorts • Leggings • Tracksuit bottoms	(one or more of below) • Long Football socks - blue with yellow Top • White sport socks • Ankle / trainer socks	• Trainers Training shoes must have non marking soles and be a change from everyday College wear). • Gum shield for hockey and rugby
Preferable	• Blue and Gold Logo ¼ zip top • Navy and gold rugby shirt Blue Logo Waterproof jacket • Warm "underlayers" to wear underneath the polo in cold weather			

Years 9,10,11

	Top:	Bottoms:	Socks:	Additional Items:
Compulsory	• Navy College polo shirt	Black or Navy bottoms; • Shorts, • Leggings, • Tracksuit trousers • Skort	• Change of socks. These may be white ankle socks or any colour trainer socks. • Navy long football socks for football, rugby and hockey	• Trainers Training shoes must have non marking soles and be a change from everyday College wear). • Gum Shields for contact Hockey and Rugby. • Shin Pads for Hockey and Football
Preferable	• College Navy and Gold Rugby Shirt • Navy College Hoodie • Long Sleeve warm top to go under the polo in winter months			• Studded footwear, these could be moulds, blades or studs. For use with rugby, tag rugby and football on the field.

Please note: All items of kit must be clearly marked with the owner's name and students must take responsibility for ensuring that they leave the changing rooms with all of their belongings. Large amounts of PE kit are regularly mislaid by students either in the changing rooms or around school. Please ensure uniform is clearly marked with a name so that it can be returned to students. There is no alternative or additional PE kit for our examination Sport students, they should wear the same PE kit as they would for Core PE

PE kit for all years is available from Thomas Moore, Exeter and Schoolweardirect.co.uk

Years 9,10,11

THOMAS MOORE

Address: 102/104 Fore St, Exeter EX4 3JB
Phone: 01392 255711
Website: www.thomasmooretoymaster.com

Schoolwear Direct

Address: 52 North Road Industrial Estate Okehampton, EX20 1BQ
Phone: 01392 691026
Email: sales@schoolweardirect.co.uk
Website: www.schoolweardirect.co.uk