

School Uniform Policy 2022-23

Clothing and Dress Code

One of the reasons for having a dress code is to ensure that pupils are properly dressed for the workplace and to help prepare them for what would be expected in a professional career.

All students must conform to the regulations set out below; if in any doubt consult with the Tutor or house staff. Please see uniform lists for further detail on the style and colour of clothing items. And note that some items must be obtained from Schoolblazer. Some items are optional, but if optional no other type may be worn unless specified in the list. Games kit must be bought from Schoolblazer

Boarding pupils should be in school uniform from the start of the school day 8.00am until the end of the school day, which is 5.00pm Monday to Friday, unless permission has been given otherwise.

Day pupils should travel to and from the College in school uniform.

Summer working uniform may be worn in the Summer Term only once it has been announced by the Deputy Head Pastoral that this is permitted. Winter working uniform must be worn during the rest of the school year.

Further Information on Year 7-11 Working Uniform

- All pupils should appear in clean, black, polished, leather shoes. Shoes should not be higher than 40mm and block heeled (platform soles, kitten heels are not permitted).
- No pupil should be wearing trainers with school uniform, unless permission has been given by a member of teaching staff, house parent or the Medical Centre.
- All shirts/blouses must be tucked into trousers/skirts apart from fitted summer blouses.
- Girls' skirts must be just above the knee or longer.
- Trousers must be worn up to waist height, if necessary fastened with a plain black belt that does not have a large buckle.
- Any dispute over the suitability of any coat will be referred to Head of Key Stage or Deputy Head Pastoral
- No coat, outdoor jacket, hat or scarf should be worn inside school buildings.
- In colder weather pupils may wish to wear a vest or Tee-shirts under their shirt, this must not be seen under an open-necked shirt/blouse.
- All pupils in years 7 to 11 should have their hair tied out of their face during the school working day if their hair is long enough to touch the shoulders. Student may be asked to tie their hair up fully for specific activities for safety reason e.g. Science Practical. They must ensure they have the correct hair band to be able to do so. Hair ties and grips should be of a simple design in navy or black.
- Pupils should be clean-shaven.



Make-up and Jewellery (Years 7-11) – see further clarity in appendix at end of policy

- Jewellery should be kept to a minimum – For years 7 to 11, small gold or silver stud earrings (maximum two per ear), and only a plain chain necklace.
- Years 7 -9 may not wear make-up
- Years 10 - 11 may only wear subtle tones of mascara. – see appendix for further guidance.

Sixth Form Uniform

There is a little more flexibility for 6th form pupils and their uniform, although they are expected to conform to the uniform list and purchase the necessary clothing from Schoolblazer where it is specified. Any pupil not adhering to this expectation will be asked to purchase the required uniform as soon as possible.

Further Information on Sixth Form Working Uniform

- All shirts/blouses must be tucked into trousers/skirts, unless it is a tailored blouse designed to be un-tucked.
- Trousers must be worn up to waist height and must be full length or on the ankle.
- Skirts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- Working jewellery should be kept to a minimum, small hoops and stud earrings only. Maximum of two per ear.
- Make-up must not be of an extreme nature or garish. Any nail varnish should be plain and a single colour.
- No coat, outdoor jacket, hat or scarf should be worn inside classrooms (unless the teacher allows it for that lesson).
- In colder weather pupils may wish to wear a vest or t-shirts under their shirt, this must not be seen under an open-necked shirt/blouse.
- No pupils should sport facial hair during term time.

All Students

Piercings and Body Art

The College recognises that some piercings and body art have different significance depending on the cultural background or religion of some pupils and permits only those which represent a genuine religious requirement of a pupil's belief or religion. However, the College may require pupils to remove overtly noticeable piercings or cover body art for example, for reasons of health and safety.

Length and appearance of pupils' hair

It is important to consider safety and it follows that all pupils who are involved in Science practicals, Art & Design work, Games or similar situations should have their hair tied back tightly if it is longer than touching the shoulders.



Hair should be clearly off the collar of a shirt or sweater. It should not be allowed to grow outwards excessively nor should it be cut severely short (except where the length of hair represents a genuine religious requirement of a pupil's belief or religion, for example, Sikhism).

Hair should not be obviously or garishly dyed. If it is dyed it should be of a neutral or subtle colour.

Games

College games clothing must be worn for all games sessions, including those for students not involved in the major sport of the term. If pupils are travelling away to matches in games kit they must wear the full tracksuit, unless it is cricket when they should wear their cricket whites.

Wearing games kit in Lessons

On some days pupils may need to change into games kit at the beginning of the day, at break or in lunch break because of a PE or Drama practical lesson or games period. In these situations pupils must wear their clean school tracksuit while attending their academic lessons. After PE lessons, pupils should change back into working uniform in the next available break. No pupil should change into games kit for afternoon lessons because of a commitment in activity time.

The full Uniform List is available on the School Website within the Admissions section.

Naming

All uniform and casual clothing must be named with nametapes, and shoes, boots and trainers must be clearly marked with their owner's name. All other personal possessions e.g. mobile phones, computers, sports equipment, bags, casual clothes etc., should also be clearly marked with the pupil's name. No unnecessary or valuable items should be brought into College.

Lost Property

Pupils should make every effort to find the property for themselves before reporting the loss. Property may have been handed into Reception or to the Deputy Head Pastoral so pupils should check with them prior to reporting that they have lost their property. Books and kit left untended in inappropriate places will be confiscated and treated as lost property.



Appendix:

Jewellery and Make up for Students in years 10 and 11 – during the school day.

Makeup

A small amount of mascara on the upper lashes only, in a colour appropriate to the skin tone of the pupil.

- No mascara on lower lashes.
- No eyeliner
- No eye shadow
- No added volume mascaras
- No false lashes or lash extensions
- Appropriate colour of mascara
- No foundation
- No eyebrow pencils
- No glitter based products including tinted moisturizer
- No nail varnish on fingers or toes
- No blusher or bronzer
- No tinted lip balm / lip gloss or lip sticks

Students wearing makeup which is not allowed will be asked to remove it immediately in the first instance then the school behaviour sanctions will apply.

Jewellery

Allowed

- Two pairs of small studs per ear
- Plain Chain only with **small pendant (such as a religious image)**
- Wrist Watch

No other jewellery is allowed – students will be asked to remove these items immediately. Further sanctions include confiscation of items, detention and social exclusion.

- Further earrings / piercings
- No bracelets including festival / charity wristbands
- No pendants / other necklaces
- No Rings (unless SEN exception received)
- No Ankle bracelets



The HALO Code

As part of Rendcomb College's commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion and following work with our pupil EDI committee, the College has committed to the HALO code. The details of the code can be found below.



The Halo Code

For Schools

Our school champions the right of staff and students to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our Black staff and students' racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

We welcome Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs, headscarves, and wraps.

At this school, we recognise and celebrate our staff and students' identities. We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on anyone's ability to succeed.



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Rendcomb College Senior School Uniform List

All items of clothing except shoes and boots can be purchased from the school supplier via Schoolblazer at www.schoolblazer.com. Those items marked with a star are Rendcomb specific and can only be purchased from the Schoolblazer shop.

Please refer to the image below for further info.

Boy's Uniform

Years 7 – 11 Working Uniform	Sixth Form Working Uniform
Blue and white striped long sleeved shirt*	A tailored, plain long-sleeved shirt (for formal occasions pupils must wear a white shirt)
School tie*	A tailored, plain long-sleeved white shirt for formal occasions
Navy V-neck jumper with badge (does not have to be worn)*	A plain V-neck jumper (optional and can be sleeveless). No zips or collars.
School blazer*	Dark 'business' style suit
Charcoal grey trousers*	Plain or subtle patterned tie
Black socks	Dark socks
Black shoes (polished & leather)	Black or brown shoes (polished and leather)
Navy or black plain coat	Dark, plain coat
College scarf (optional but no other scarf allowed)*	School scarf or plain coloured scarf (optional)*
Plain dark woollen hat & plain dark Gloves (optional in cold weather)	Plain dark woollen hat & plain dark Gloves (optional in cold weather)



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Girl's Uniform

Years 7 – 11 Working Uniform	Sixth Form Working Uniform
Blue and white striped long-sleeved fitted blouse*	A plain or discreet patterned long-sleeved or short-sleeved fitted blouse or a smart top/jumper (to fit under a jacket)
School navy jumper with badge (does not have to be worn)*	A plain, white long-sleeved and/or short-sleeved fitted blouse for formal occasions
School navy skirt (on the knee or longer)*	A plain jumper (optional and can be sleeveless).
Knee High Socks or tights (navy)	Tailored dark suit with skirt or trousers – Trousers must be on the ankle or full length and skirts must be no shorter than two inches off the knee
Black shoes (40mm maximum heel height) Polished Leather	Or a plain dark tailored dress no shorter than two inches off the knee in length and jacket
School blazer (fitted)*	Socks or tights (black, navy or flesh coloured)
Navy or black plain coat	Black or brown polished leather shoes (50mm maximum heel height)
College scarf (optional but no other scarf allowed)*	Dark, plain or discreet patterned coat
Plain dark woollen hat & plain dark Gloves (optional in cold weather)	School scarf* or plain dark scarf/pashmina (optional)



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Sports Kit:

Games Kit for all boys	Optional Games kit from Schoolblazer
Crested tracksuit top*	School 'hoodie'*
Navy/burgundy tracksuit bottoms*	Navy midlayer – crested*
Senior games shirt*	Crested base layer top*
Rugby shorts*	Navy base layer leggings or shorts*
Summer polo shirt*	Cricket fleece*
Games socks (navy with red and yellow tops)*	Cricket shirt*
White PE shorts	Crested kit bag*
PE socks white	
White cricket trousers	

Games kit for All girls	Optional kit from Schoolblazer
Crested tracksuit top*	School hoodie*
Navy/burgundy tracksuit bottoms*	Navy crested midlayer*
Senior girl's games shirt*	Crested base layer top*
Navy skort – with burgundy panels*	Navy base layer leggings or shorts*
Summer polo shirt*	Crested kit bag*
Games socks (navy with red and yellow tops)*	
White skort – with burgundy panels*	
PE socks white	

Games Kit and Equipment by Term ●●●

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Term and Sport	Compulsory Uniform Items	Girls	Boys
MICHAELMAS Girls - Hockey Boys - Rugby	All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full tracksuit - Reversible shirt (male and female options) - Winter sport socks (long navy) 	Hockey equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hockey stick - Shin pads (compulsory) - Mouthguard (compulsory) - Trainers/Astro boots 	Rugby equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mouthguard (compulsory) - Rugby boots Recommended protective equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Head gear - Shoulder & chest protector
LENT Girls - Lacrosse Boys - Hockey	Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Navy skort Boys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Navy shorts 	Lacrosse equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lacrosse stick (can be purchased via the sports department) - Mouthguard (compulsory) - Rugby boots 	Hockey equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hockey stick - Shin pads (compulsory) - Mouthguard (compulsory) - Trainers/Astro boots
SUMMER Girls - Tennis Boys - Cricket	All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full tracksuit - White polo shirt (male and female options) - Winter socks (ankle length) Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - White skort Boys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - White cricket longs 	Tennis equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tennis racquet - Trainers 	Cricket equipment Minimum recommended equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Box - Helmet - Trainers Optional: bat, gloves, leg pads, helmet.

