

Uniform Policy from September 2024

Our College uniform is a symbol of pride in belonging to our community. High standards of uniform send out a clear message that parents and students buy into our ethos and values. At Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College standards of uniform are closely linked to our culture of high expectations in all aspects of College life. Through the wearing of correct college uniform we are encouraging our students to be dignified and confident young people.

All Students

Coats must be navy or black with a small logo. Leather or leather lookalike jackets are not allowed. Hoodies irrespective of colour or style are not to be worn.

Sensible plain, all black shoes, with no logos, are to be worn. Boots, trainers and pumps are not allowed. Please note that any footwear that resembles trainers or has sportswear branding is not allowed.

Scarves must be plain and of one colour only. Permitted colours are the ones which appear on our College badge i.e. navy, black, red, yellow and white.

Students must bring a school bag to college which is fit for purpose e.g. a backpack. Handbags or shoulder bags are not allowed irrespective of colour.

Girls Uniform

Girls – Years 7 – 11

Earrings should be one pair of simple studs. Make-up, false nails, nail-varnish, false eyelashes, (visible) body piercings including tongue piercings, nose studs and other jewellery including wrist and ankle bracelets, necklaces are not acceptable.

All girls are expected to have a tidy hairstyle suitable for college. Extreme hairstyles are not allowed. This includes brightly coloured and/or contrasting hair colours, very short or shaved hair or decorated scalps or hair. Dyed hair which does not look natural is not permitted. Hair bands should be navy or black.

Socks must be black, tights must be black or natural.

Trousers if worn must be made of a suitable material and style for college. All girls' skirts must be worn no shorter than just above the knee.

White shirt/blouse and college tie or short sleeved shirt with woven college badge on it. A plain dark belt with no adornments may be worn with the uniform.

A college jumper in the colours below. Students are not permitted to tuck their jumper into their skirt.

Girls in Years 7 to 11 need to wear the badged college skirt, details of which are below.

Girls Year 7 – 9

Please note that the following items are only available from Monkhouse (formerly known as Schooltogs)

Black trousers or black pleated and badged skirt

College clip on tie – non clip on tie is not acceptable

Royal blue jumper with college badge to be worn every day

Girls Year 10 - 11

Please note that the following items are only available from Monkhouse (formerly known as Schooltogs)

Black trousers or black pleated and badged skirt

College clip on tie - non clip on tie is not acceptable

Navy jumper with college badge, to be worn every day

Year 11 College Ties are available from the college finance office if required otherwise a standard college tie must be worn.

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Girls – P.E. Kit

Polo Shirt - Royal Blue with embroidered college badge (available from Monkhouse)
Football/Rugby Shorts - Navy Blue with/without college crest OR a skort - navy blue OR plain sports leggings (3/4 or full length) - black or navy.
Games socks – Royal Blue 3 Stripe White.
Short ankle or trainer socks - White.
Trainers.
Shin-pads (compulsory for football and hockey)
Gum Shield (advisable for rugby and hockey).

Optional Additional P.E. Kit

Rugby Shirt - Royal blue/white reversible with/without College Crest.
Football boots – The school does have a selection of boots which can be loaned to students.
Tracksuit Trousers - Navy blue with embroidered college badge.
Quarter Zip Training Top - Navy blue with embroidered college badge.
Only training tops and tracksuit trousers with college badge may be worn.

We strongly recommend that earrings are removed for all Physical Education lessons. However, if it is not possible to remove them (i.e., they have recently been pierced) then students may still take part in the lesson providing their ears are adequately covered with tape provided by the PE department. The class teacher will ensure that the taping is fit for purpose at the start of the lesson and may ask the student not to participate in certain activities if they deem it to be unsafe for the individual. Students should be encouraged by parents/carers to practice taking their earrings in and out at home in preparation for PE lessons.

Boys Uniform

Boys – All Years

All boys should have neat and tidy hair. Extreme hairstyles are not allowed. For boys this includes brightly coloured and/or contrasting hair colours, tram lines, shaved hair or excessively long hair (unless tied back at all times).

Earrings and jewellery are not permitted.

Socks must be black. White socks are not permitted.

Dark grey/black trousers – denims, cords and skin tight trousers are not acceptable.

Boys must wear a white shirt and college tie at all times. A plain black belt may be worn with the uniform.

Boys Year 7 to 9

Please note that the following items are only available from Monkhouse (formerly known as Schooltogs)

Clip on college tie - non clip on tie is not acceptable

Royal blue jumper with college badge to be worn every day.

Boys Year 10 and 11

Please note that the following items are only available from Monkhouse (formerly known as Schooltogs)

Navy jumper with college badge to be worn every day

Clip on college tie - non clip on tie is not acceptable

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Year 11 Senior Prefect ties are available from the college finance office if required otherwise a standard college clip on tie must be worn.

Boys – P.E. Kit

Polo Shirt – Royal Blue with embroidered college badge.

Rugby Shirt - Royal blue/white reversible with/without College Crest.

Football or Rugby shorts - Navy blue with/without College Crest.

Games socks – Royal Blue 3 Stripe White.

Short ankle or trainer socks - White.

Trainers

Football boots – The school does have a selection of boots which can be loaned to students.

Shin-pads (compulsory for football and hockey)

Gum Shield (advisable for rugby and hockey).

Optional Additional P.E. Kit

Tracksuit Trousers - Navy blue with embroidered college badge.

Quarter Zip Training Top - Navy blue with embroidered college badge.

Only training tops and tracksuit trousers with college badge may be worn.

Please note:

The college has a limited stock of previously owned items of uniform which are in good condition. To check availability please contact Pupil reception.

Students are expected to wear correct college uniform on their journey to and from college.

All uniform items are available from Monkhouse, Pump Street, Worcester either in store or online. We ask that all items are labelled clearly with the student's name.

All uniform and P.E. kit must be labelled with the student's name.

The college respects the right for students from different cultural backgrounds to have hairstyles in keeping with their culture however hair colour must still be in keeping with the expectations for all students. The Governing Body have stated that "The Headteacher's discretion and decision on all matters of uniform including hairstyles is final".