



Vanguard Learning Trust

As a group of local primary and secondary schools, Vanguard Learning Trust's mission is to serve its local community by providing outstanding, inclusive education. We have a collective purpose and responsibility to provide effective teaching, through an ambitious curriculum based on equality of opportunity and entitlement that allows our students to shine both in and out of the classroom. Each school in the Trust has its own ethos, which also complements the Trust's vision and values, and the common aspiration that all students can thrive and develop into responsible young adults ready to embrace their future.

Vyners School Uniform Policy 2026-27

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Section 1. Introduction

1.1 Policy Statement

It is our policy that all children should wear the Vyners School uniform with pride when attending school, on their way to and from school or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

1.2 Policy Aims

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the students with the school;
- ensures students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind;
- is inclusive at all levels – socially, culturally and religiously.

Section 2. Clothing List

2.1 Students in Years 7 - 11

A range of uniform items is available from the following suppliers:

Beat School Uniforms 116, The Parade High Street Watford WD17 1BD Tel: 0844 879 7288 www.beatschooluniforms.co.uk	Uniform 4 Kids / Pullens 48-50 Church Road Stanmore HA7 4AH Tel: 020 8954 3850 www.uniform4kids.com
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Parents are advised not to buy items from other, non-approved, suppliers. The School will continue to issue consequences to students who are wearing the wrong uniform, even if those items were purchased in good faith from other suppliers.

The school has paid careful regard to the statutory guidance issued in 2022 by the Department for Education on school uniform provision, and the new guidance expected to take effect in September 2026. A number of changes have been made to the policy for September 2026 in the light of this new guidance. Clarity has been provided on where items are compulsory/ optional and where items can be purchased from non-specialist suppliers.

In response to previous Government guidance, the school established a Facebook page that operates to provide a forum for the sale or donation of good quality second hand uniform. The page can be accessed via this link [\[here\]](#). There is also a supply of second hand uniform held in school. Please contact one of our Family Liaison Officers, in confidence, if the school can help with the supply of second hand uniform.

If, for any reason, it is felt necessary for a student to wear anything other than specified uniform, he/she should bring a note asking permission to do so before it is worn.

All clothing and belongings should be clearly marked with the student’s name. This enables mislaid items to be quickly returned to their owner. The school regularly disposes of unclaimed and unnamed lost property items.

2.2 Outdoor clothing

2.2.1 School blazer

The school blazer must be worn by students at all times including journeys to and from school.

2.2.2 School tie

The school tie should be worn at all times, including to and from school.

2.2.3 Coats, safety clothing

Other outdoor clothing should be restricted to a plain raincoat, overcoat or anorak. For road safety, detachable fluorescent bands or strips are strongly encouraged on dark mornings and evenings. Hoodies or coats with logos are not permitted.

2.2.4 Scarf

If a scarf is required, it should be in the school colours of plain bottle green or black.

2.2.5 Cyclists

It is recommended that parents of cyclists insist that students use fluorescent arm bands and helmets.

2.3 Indoor clothing

All Students	Compulsory item ?	To be purchased from official stockists?
School blazer The school blazer must be worn in school by all students	Y	Y

<p>School tie</p> <p>The school tie must be worn by all students. The design of the tie will vary depending on which tutorial/house students belong. When tied, the school logo should be clearly visible beneath the knot. Parents of transferring Year 6-7 students will be informed of their child's tutorial at the New Parents' Meeting in July. For mid-term admissions, parents will be informed on confirmation of accepting a place in the school.</p>	Y	Y
<p>School shirt or blouse</p> <p>Plain white shirt or blouse with a collar suitable for a tie in nontransparent fabric (not Aertex, cheesecloth, etc.). Shirts must be tucked into the waistband of the skirt/trousers and all buttons should be done up, including the top button. They should have either long sleeves or short sleeves, but must not be sleeveless, and there should be no trimmings. Vests or T-shirts worn under shirts/blouses should be plain white. A clean shirt/blouse should be available for any official school function.</p>	Y	N
<p>Pullovers</p> <p>Pullovers are not essential as the buildings are always well heated. Branded school pullovers are available from our uniform stockists.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE - parents may also purchase a pullover without the school logo. Such pullovers must be mid grey in colour, and have a V neck and long sleeves. It must be a knitted (not sweatshirt) type material. There should be no visible branding.</p>	N	N
<p>Shoes</p> <p>Shoes should be plain black, flat or lace-up styles, with closed toes and heels. Canvas plimsolls, ankle boots, 'Kicker' style boots, Vans style leather plimsolls or black leather trainers are not allowed. Training shoes may only be worn during PE or games activities, or when a Year Leader has agreed their use for special medical reasons when a doctor's note will be required. Boots may be worn to and from school in the winter, but not around the school buildings and such boots should not have hardened toe-caps or studded soles. Shoe soles may not exceed 1cm and heel height may not exceed 5cms when measured at the back of the heel. Because of slippery staircases and the particular danger of accidents in practical rooms and laboratories, all sandals, open front or slingback style shoes are not permitted. Stiletto heels are never acceptable.</p>	Y	N
<p>Trousers or skirts</p> <p>EITHER</p> <p>Plain black trousers of worsted or Terylene or similar fabric. Trousers should be smart, suit-style and have a waistband. They must be worn around the waist and not any lower. Extremes of style must not be worn. They should not be tight-fitting around the legs. Similarly, they should not be 'drain-pipe', flared or 'boot-cut' in style.</p> <p>Jeans must never be worn.</p> <p>OR:</p>	Y	N

Pleated school skirt of approximately knee length in plain dark bottle green to match the blazer. The skirt must be of the agreed style and should not be folded or rolled over at the top.	Y	Y
Tights or socks Tights or socks should be worn. Tights should be of a plain style in black. If socks are worn, they should be plain white ankle socks (not trainer socks). If trousers are worn, socks should be plain black or dark grey.	Y	N

2.4 Physical education clothing

	Compulsory item ?	To be purchased from official stockists ?
Hooded top Bottle green/scarlet/white panels, embroidered with school logo *	N (highly recommended)	Y
Sports trousers <u>OR</u> leggings Students may wear sports trousers or sports leggings <u>underneath</u> their shorts / skort during the colder winter months. This is not a compulsory item of PE kit and students will only be allowed to wear a product designed specifically for sports use. Should parents choose to purchase this item, the school strongly recommends that this garment is purchased via one of the official stockists, who stock a suitable product both in a 'Vyners' branded form, and unbranded. Students who choose to wear leggings which are not sports leggings must wear a pair of shorts or a skort over the top. This preserves the dignity of students when unbranded leggings are made of material which is too thin.	N	N
Sports top Bottle green/scarlet/white panels, embroidered with school logo *	Y	Y
Shorts <u>OR</u> skort Bottle green/scarlet/white panels ALTERNATIVE - parents may purchase plain bottle green <u>unbranded</u> shorts / skorts. These must be designated sportswear (not day shorts) in a breathable fabric. They should be loose in style, and of a reasonable length to preserve the dignity of students.	Y	N
Sports socks Plain bottle green football socks (available from our suppliers) or plain white sports socks	Y	N
Trainers	Y	N
Football boots (suitable for grass) NB - specific astro boots are <u>not</u> required	Y (if taught football or rugby)	N
Shin pads and mouthguard	Y	N

* Option to have initials printed on right breast in white

All PE clothing, including boots and trainers, should be clearly named both on the inside and outside of the garments (initials not sufficient) in order to enable the PE staff to identify misplaced kit easily.

PE kit must be kept in an appropriate sports bag and labelled clearly. All kit must be taken home regularly to be washed.

2.5 Other items of clothing and equipment

2.5.1 Jewellery

This may not be worn apart from a wrist watch. If ears are pierced then only one small plain gold or silver coloured stud may be worn in either one or each ear lobe. No sparkles or coloured studs are allowed. No other piercings are allowed, including, but not limited to, piercings in the nose, eyebrow, tongue, lips etc. Earrings and watches must be removed for PE or covered with tape. The school can accept no responsibility for losses of jewellery. Students will be asked to remove any unacceptable jewellery immediately or be placed into a C4 internal exclusion until such time as it can be removed. If any items of jewellery are confiscated from a student 3 times, the student will receive a C4 for deliberate defiance.

2.5.2 School bag

Every student will require a sturdy carrying bag or rucksack to ensure that books, which are the property of the school, are not damaged when taken home for homework. (Students will be held responsible for the good order and care of school books and will be required to replace any books which may be lost or damaged). Cyclists should ensure that they have a safe and adequate place to carry their bags whilst riding.

2.5.3 Lockers / keys

Those students who rent a school locker are strongly advised to have a sturdy key ring on which to store the key. Locker keys are, by their nature, small and can be easily lost. Lost keys must be replaced at a cost of £5 per key.

2.6 Adjustment to school uniform in hot weather

The school recognises that extremes of temperature necessitates that our uniform policy be relaxed on occasion. The general principles that the school will adopt are detailed below. The precise arrangements to be adopted in any circumstance will be decided on a case by case basis, and will be based on the forecast weather conditions.

- In all cases, students will be required to come to school at 8.30am in full school uniform, including blazer and tie. This enables the school to verify the identity of all young people coming onto site at the start of the day.
- From morning break onwards, students may be allowed to remove their blazers in classrooms.

- As the temperatures rise during the day, students may also be allowed to remove their tie.
- Skirts must remain at the regulated length (ie at, or just above) the knee
- Closed toe school shoes must continue to be worn. Sandals will never be permissible

The school will always clearly communicate what relaxations to the uniform policy are being allowed on any given day. Any infringements outside the communicated rules will continue to be sanctioned in line with our Behaviour Policy.

2.7 Hair styles

Extremes of hairstyle are not acceptable. These include unnatural hair dye, shaved heads, Mohicans or shaven patterns or lines, including those made in partings. Hair must be one natural colour and a “grade 2” haircut is the shortest allowed. No lines or shapes are permitted to be shaved into eyebrows. Any decision regarding ‘extreme’ haircuts will be left to the discretion of the Headteacher.

2.8 Make-up and nails

Make-up, false eyelashes and nail varnish (including Shellac, gel and nail extensions) should not be worn. Students found to be wearing artificial nails / nail varnish will be asked to immediately remove ordinary nail varnish and/or cut nails to an acceptable length. Where nails need specialist removal, this will need to be done by the following day and the student will be placed into an immediate C4 internal exclusion until such time as they are removed.

2.9 Lost property

This is located in Student Services. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled. Students will be notified when named items are in lost property. It is their responsibility to collect items. Items not collected, or not named, will be disposed of every half term.

2.10 Sixth Form uniform

All Sixth Form students should wear business style clothing when attending school, on their way to and from school or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

All students must wear smart trousers (suit or chino style) or a suitable length skirt. A collar must be worn at all times, i.e. a shirt or blouse or a plain top and blazer. If a jumper is worn then it should be plain and worn over a collared shirt or blouse or under a blazer. No sweatshirts, hoodies, denim or trainers are permitted. Lanyards must be visible at all times when walking around school and in all lessons unless a practical lesson warrants removal.

2.10.1 Practical uniform

Some students in the Sixth Form take part in practical subjects, for which wearing formal dress is not appropriate. The dress code in such subjects is as follows:

PE	<p>On days where they have theory lessons, students must wear the normal Sixth Form 'business' uniform (see above).</p> <p>For practical lessons, students should wear :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plain black (ie unbranded) leggings/jogging bottoms OR official PE trousers/ leggings (available from an official stockist) ● A plain (i.e. unbranded) black T shirt OR official black sports top. Students may also wear either an official black hoodie, a leavers hoodie of any colour (with the Vyners logo) and or any unbranded black hoodie.
Art	<p>Students should wear plain black (i.e. unbranded) leggings/jogging bottoms OR official PE trousers / leggings (available from an official stockist)</p> <p>This should be worn with a plain (i.e. unbranded) black t-shirt OR polo top and an official school hoodie. This may be their sports hoodie from Year 11, a leavers hoodie (of any colour with the school crest) or an official black hoodie (with the school crest) available from an official stockist.</p>
Drama and Performing Arts	<p>Students should wear plain black (i.e. unbranded) leggings/jogging bottoms OR official PE trousers / leggings (available from an official stockist)</p> <p>This should be worn with a plain (i.e. unbranded) black t-shirt OR polo top and a black school hoodie (with the school crest), or a leavers hoodie (of any colour with the school crest) available from an official stockist.</p>

2.10.2 Hair styles

Extremes of hair style are not acceptable. These include unnatural hair dye, shaved heads, Mohicans or shaven patterns or lines. Hair must be one colour and a "grade 2" haircut is the shortest allowed. No lines or shapes are permitted to be shaved into eyebrows. Students failing to follow these guidelines may receive a C4 internal exclusion and subsequent infringements will lead to an external exclusion for gross disobedience.

2.10.3 Outdoor coats

These should be plain with no designs or logos. Outdoor coats must be removed in the school buildings.

2.10.4 ID badges and lanyards

These must be worn at all times when moving around the building.

2.10.5 Other standards

- Hooded tops are not to be worn, with the exception of official school PE / Performing Arts clothing.
- Facial piercings are not allowed (other than in ears with the exception of ear bars).
- No visible tattoos.
- An official Vyners practical uniform can be worn on days where practical subjects are studied.

Any Sixth Form student who breaches the school dress code can expect to be sent home to change.

2.11 House colours

Cheshire - Gold	Gell - White	Jaggar - Grey	Parks - Royal Blue
Fry - Blue	Huxley - Purple	John Miles - Green	Windsor - Yellow

Version history

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