



BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY 2025/2026

All that happens in Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School occurs within the context of the school's Mission Statement (in accordance with the Trust Deed for the maintenance and advancement of the Catholic religion).

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Persons Responsible: SLT and Headteacher Committee: Curriculum and Personnel

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As a Catholic school, founded on, and committed to upholding the teaching of the Church, we believe that Jesus is present in the day to day life of our community and that each member of our community has a divine origin and an eternal destiny. In discharging our responsibilities, we are guided by the principles of Catholic social teaching [CST], in which the following core values are constituted: dignity, solidarity, the common good, the option for the poor, the promotion of peace, care for creation, the dignity of work and the value of participation in society. These principles are demonstrated in our core, and wider, curriculum, in our care of students, in our work with the disadvantaged and in the outward-facing approach to our local community, our nation and to the world. As our moral compass, CST guides us in all our school activities, including the formulation, upholding and reviewing of school policies.

As a Catholic school, we regard the following characteristics as central to the human flourishing of everyone – students, staff and Governors – in our community. Our aspirations for our students are that their experience of teaching develops in them a lived belief, an authentic sense of true happiness, a lived sense of family, an experience of care and a vocation for service.

To achieve these aspirations, teaching and learning will privilege the following core virtues for every member of our community.

Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

Attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

Compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.

Faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

Eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

Learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Curious about everything; and active in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

Intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.

BHFCS Uniform

All items of uniform should be clearly labelled.

The following items are compulsory items and are stocked by our uniform supplier, Valentino Schoolwear, who also supply the optional crested and a range of all other items.

- School blazer – maroon with school crest
- School tie
- Branded school skirt (girls may wear trousers)

Boys

- Trousers: Plain **Grey** school trousers (no jeans, chinos or other fashion trousers)
- Shirt: Plain White school shirt
- Tie: School Tie available from Valentino Schoolwear Ltd
- Shoes: **Plain Black** (no boots, trainers or shoes with sports branded logos e.g. adidas or nike, canvas shoes, pumps or fashion shoes e.g. Vans etc)
- Jumper: V-Necked Maroon (optional under blazer)
- Socks: White, Black or Grey
- Blazer: Maroon

Girls

- Skirt - Banded school skirt available OR
- Trousers: these should be school wear, and not fashion, trousers e.g. not skinny trousers. They should not be in Lycra material. They should be Grey in colour; black is not permitted.
- Shirt: Plain White school shirt
- Tie: School tie
- Socks or Tights: Plain White, Grey or Black with no decoration, Patterned tights are not allowed. Socks are not to be worn over tights.
- Jumper: V-Necked Maroon (optional under blazer)
- Shoes: **Plain Black** (no boots, trainers or shoes with sports branded logos e.g. adidas or nike, canvas shoes, pumps or fashion shoes e.g. Vans etc)
- Heels should be no higher than 2 inches
- Blazer: Maroon with school badge

Top coats should be plain and dark in colour. No Leather/PVC/Denim top coats or hooded sweatshirts are permitted.

Bags must be plain and dark in colour. A rucksack style bag worn across both shoulders is recommended to alleviate problems of back pain later in life.

BHFCS PE Kit

- Blessed Hugh Faringdon Polo Shirt or black/white polo shirt (black polo or t-shirt, can have a small brand logo)
- Blessed Hugh Faringdon Rugby Shirt or black/white rugby shirt (black jumper, can have a small brand logo)
- Black Shorts (Blessed Hugh Faringdon Shorts or all black shorts with a small branded logo)
- Black Tracksuit bottoms (Only allowed a sports brand logo)
- Socks – Black or White
- All Black Sport Leggings Only – Shorts must be worn over the top if wearing leggings. Normal leggings are **not allowed**.
- Shin Pads for Football
- Gum Shields for Rugby

Please note, the following items are **not permitted** as part of the PE Kit:

- No hoodies
- No other colours
- No sports teams emblems
- Normal leggings

OPTIONAL

- School crested black tracksuit jumper
- School crested black tracksuit pants
- White thermal skin
- Kit bag

Please note that Training Shoes for indoor use in the Sports Hall should have clear, noncoloured soles and can be purchased through sports shops or other stores.

HAIR, MAKE- UP & JEWELLERY

Make-up, nail varnish and conspicuous hairdressings are NOT permitted because they are not suitable for school and can pose hazards in some of the specialised activities that take place within the school.

- Hair must be kept clean, tidy and of reasonable length.
- Students should have a natural hair colour whilst in school, unusual, exaggerated and coloured hairstyles are NOT permitted; this includes hairstyles which are deemed by the Headteacher to be excessively long or short, patterned haircuts. Slits and patterns in eyebrows are NOT permitted.
- Students are not permitted to wear false eye lashes of any length, including strip lashes, cluster lashes and individual, hybrid and volume extensions.
- Students are not permitted to wear nail varnish, including gel, acrylic or artificial nails and nail extensions in any form.

- Students are allowed to wear one ring and one pair of small **metal** stud earrings in the lower ear lobe only.
- Bracelets are not allowed and necklaces should be out of sight (unless for specific religious reasons).
- Make-up is not permitted for Years 7-11.
- No other piercings, including nose studs, eyebrow and tongue piercings are permitted.
- Tattoos or body art are not permitted.

If the above rules are not adhered to, the students will be placed temporarily in the Focus Room, pending an exclusion.

Please note: It is illegal to tattoo young people under the age of 18. A person in the UK must be at least 18 years before they can have a tattoo; it is illegal for anyone to have a tattoo under 18 even with parental consent. A visible tattoo is one which cannot be covered by properly worn school clothing, including during PE, sport and practical activities. A breach of this policy will be dealt with in the same way as a breach of uniform and the student will have to remove the item before returning to school. As tattooing a minor is illegal, all such cases will be referred to the relevant authorities.

Notes of Guidance for Parents – if you are in doubt, please contact the school – admin@hughfaringdon.org:

- Mrs L Richards – Key Stage 3 Pastoral & Achievement Co-ordinator for Years 7, 8 and 9
- Mrs G Craig – Key Stage 4 Pastoral & Achievement Co-ordinator for Years 10, & 11