



Uniform & Equipment Expectations 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks for the concerted effort made by parents and carers to ensure that students fully understand the uniform policy and the following rationale during 2018-19:

"The uniform at South Dartmoor is a symbol of your aspiration to excellence and high achievement. Your appearance is a measure of your self-discipline. It reflects your pride and commitment to being a member of the College, and is a visible sign of your readiness to learn"

With the February half term fast approaching I would like to remind all parents and carers of the uniform and ready to learn expectations for this academic year. We have had since returning after Christmas, a small number of students purchasing and wearing incorrect uniform, in particular, unsuitable footwear, skirts and trousers.

To help with your 'Back to School' shopping list, here is a reminder of the uniform policy and equipment expectations for students.

Required equipment:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Purple pen (for responding to feedback)
- Ruler
- Calculator (for mathematics)

South Dartmoor Community College Blazer must be worn during the following times:

- moving about the site between lessons.
- in assembly.
- in lessons, unless permitted by class teacher to be removed upon request.
- when arriving at and leaving the canteen at lunch and break time.
- blazers will be optional during the summer term

White shirt with collar and sleeves that buttons up to the collar and is of sufficient length to stay tucked in

College tie: Students must wear their College ties correctly: the point of the tie must touch the waistband of the trousers or skirt, and the knot must cover the **fastened top button of the shirt**.

FORMAL pressed, plain black trousers for Boys and Girls:



- The material must not be denim.
- A jean style cut (with rear patch pockets and rear yoke seam) is not allowed.
- They must be without ornate decorative buttons.
- Leg width to be neither "skinny cut" nor excessively baggy.
- To be worn on the waist, and of **full length**.
- Belts are to be plain black with simple buckle – No themed or stylised buckles.
- Smart tailored shorts, hemmed (not rolled or turned up)

Girls may wear a plain black regulation skirt if not in trousers.

Skirt Regulations:

Style

- 'A' line, straight or pleated styles, in one continuous material.
- Stretch jersey knit style skirts are unacceptable.



Length

- **Knee length, no shorter than the top of the knee** and no lower than the bottom of the knee.

Finish detail

- No additional detailing on the skirt such as zips on pockets, patches etc.
- If belts are worn they should be narrow and plain black with a simple buckle. Logos on belts and buckles are unacceptable.

Hosiery

- The skirt should be worn with plain black socks. Alternatively, plain black tights may be worn. No leggings to be worn under skirts.

The College does now have a College issued skirt with Logo. All year 7 students will be wearing the new skirt from September 2018. **Years 8-11 can also order and wear the new skirt.**

Uniform items for South Dartmoor Community College must be ordered directly from our uniform supplier, **SWI**. Orders may be placed directly via their website at: www.swidtp.co.uk or via the telephone on 0845 519 00 99.

Shoes:

Plain, black footwear should be worn. Ankle boots (flat soled) are acceptable only if they are plain black polished leather, not suede "UGG" style and are able to be worn inside trousers. High cut/laced boots are not appropriate if worn with skirts. Students can wear black ankle boots with skirts as long as they are smart slip on boots. Students are not allowed to wear **'Dr Marten' style boots.**



- **Plain black socks** only
- Smart black tailored shorts, hemmed (not rolled or turned up)
- Waterproof/windproof outdoor coat big enough to wear over the blazer. No hoody style jackets.

It is not acceptable for students to wear:

- Hooded tops, cardigans, knitted jackets, heavy weight over shirts, vest tops/t-shirts, tank tops worn over the shirt

- Jeans, informal/skinny trousers or leggings
- Trainers (unless completely black, with no coloured logos), flip flops, open toe shoes/sandals
- Coloured logos
- Coloured undershirts, polo shirts
- The wearing of hats, scarves and outside coats indoors
- Rolled up blazer sleeves and trouser legs
- Rolled up trousers to create shorts

Makeup, hair & jewellery:

- A watch, a small single stud per ear and a plain signet ring

Uniform is formal and as such students **must not wear or appear to have:**

- Extreme or excessive make-up, false eyelashes
- Nail varnish, false nails, acrylic and gel nail tips and extensions
- Necklaces, bracelets, anklets, charity bands (this is also for health and safety reasons as they are inappropriate in many lessons and can get caught easily)
- Non-College badges
- Nose studs, tongue piercings, body piercing and exaggerated, decorative flesh tubes (including clear tubes, studs and retainers)
- Extreme hair colour, style or cut (no shorter than a **grade 2**). Exceptions will be made for students who have exceptional circumstances due to medical reasons
- Large hair accessories
- Visible tattoos or Visible Henna, including "black henna" or "neutral henna" tattoos

Parents will be contacted if their son/daughter continually does not adhere to the above expectations and will be asked **to visit the school to bring** in the correct uniform for their child.

Should you have any queries regarding the College uniform and ready to learn expectations please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



Paul Collins
Principal



Dan Vile
Deputy Principal