

Oriel High School

Uniform and Appearance

2026/2027



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At Oriel High School our motto is *'Empowered to achieve, Inspired to excel'*. A sense of belonging and shared pride in our school is important to us all. First impressions matter and our school is judged on the appearance as well as the behaviour of our students. The uniform promotes safety, decency and equality. Our uniform allows students who are exploring their gender identity to wear uniform that they feel comfortable in.

We firmly believe that our uniform makes a strong statement about togetherness and shared endeavour in the pursuit of excellence, and encourages students to feel pride in themselves as well as their school.

Oriel High School has a uniform because we believe that looking smart equates to smart thinking and learning. Our uniform has been developed to be special and distinctive. Our uniform should be worn with pride. Students should look smart. If a student is falling short of our inclusive uniform expectations, then the student's mentor, Head of Learning Community or a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team (SLT) reserves the right to direct a student to change.

The school has a clear and firm stance on uniform and we ask parents to give it their full support by sending their child to school in the correct uniform. The school follows the Department for Education guidance which allows the Headteacher to send a student home to remedy a breach of the school uniform policy. Students who repeatedly fall short of our high standards for appearance will be sanctioned and may be at risk of permanent exclusion.

Uniform supplier

Our school uniform supplier is Monkhouse who are trusted experts in supplying uniform. Monkhouse have a uniform shop based at the school that is open during the school term and at specified times during the summer holiday. Oriel High School values the uniform shop and the opportunity it gives our families and students to view and try on uniform items. Monkhouse also provide an efficient online ordering service for families. [Oriel High School \(URN-134042\) - School \(monkhouse.com\)](https://www.monkhouse.com)

Your child's **mentor** should be contacted in the first instance if you experience any problem with supplying your child with the correct uniform during the school year. We are confident that we can help you with any uniform related problems you may have.

Main uniform items

- Purple blazer with Oriel High School crest
- Plain black formal straight legged school trousers with plain black belt (if required) OR school tartan kilt to be worn at an acceptable length at all times.
- Plain white formal shirt which must be tucked in
- Short-sleeved white blouse
- Oriel tartan school tie (Boys only)
- Plain dark socks with trousers OR plain black/natural tights with a kilt. Plain white ankle socks may be worn with a kilt but not with tights.
- Tights must have a foot and be black or natural (plain) in colour. No leggings are allowed.



Optional items

- Plain black V neck jumper.
- School coat/jackets. These should be worn on the way to school and home again. Outdoor coats are not permitted to be worn inside the school building. Sweatshirt material hoodies are not permitted and should not be worn as 'coats'. Students will be asked to remove these garments. If the uniform infringement is persistent, these garments will be confiscated, and parents may be asked to come and collect the garment from school.

Shoes

- Plain black leather 'business style' that can be polished. Ankle boots (Hi-tops), canvas shoes or trainers are not permitted. Examples of the correct style of shoe can be viewed below

Acceptable shoes



Unacceptable shoes



Students should have a doctor's note if they need to wear alternative footwear to school due to a medical condition or serious injury. An official doctor's/hospital letter will be required for any student requiring long-term dispensation due to medical conditions.

If shoes become broken, lost, left at another home etc. Students must bring a note written in their planner from home and handed to their mentor. Where possible the correct shoes are to be worn the next day. If replacement shoes are required these are to be purchased the next weekend at the latest, ready for the start of the new week. Any substitute shoe must be as close to the acceptable school shoe as possible.

Learning Community offices will carry a small stock of replacement shoes that a student may be asked to wear temporarily to enable them to meet the schools uniform dress code.

Hair, Nails & Make up

Hair should be a natural colour, appropriate to the individual and worn in a neat style for school. Long hair must be tied back for practical lessons. Shaved hair styles and dip dyed hair are not permitted. Hair bands and clips should be a dark colour and functional, discreet and plain not decorative. Head scarves, if worn for religious reasons, should be plain black, white or purple. Make-up should be discreet. Nail varnish, false nails and false eyelashes are not permitted.

Jewellery

This is not part of school uniform and must not be worn. Students with pierced ear lobes may wear one pair of ear “studs”, not more than 5mm in diameter, which must be removed for PE. Other studs and piercings, including upper ear, nose and tongue studs are not permitted and the use of plasters to cover these is forbidden at all times. A plain wrist watch is also permitted.

PE Kit

All students are expected to wear the PE uniform when participating in PE activities, including extra-curricular.

PE uniform required:

- Purple Oriel PE Polo Shirt
- Purple Oriel PE jumper
- Plain black shorts
- Black Oriel skort
- Moulded stud football/rugby boots for 3G pitch (see below images)
- Plain black tracksuit trousers/running leggings
- Black football socks
- White sports socks

All uniform items should be **clearly marked with the students’ name**. All jewellery must be removed before PE lessons commence.

3G footwear

Please remember that only the correct footwear can be worn on the 3G pitch. Anyone going onto the playing surface must be wearing the recommended footwear ... no trainers or other flat-bottomed footwear. There are no exceptions to this requirement and it is only through 100% compliance within our own school that we can enforce this with those visiting the school. Adhering to this rule will ensure that the pitch is kept in its best condition for as long as possible.

RECOMMENDED FOOTWEAR



Hard ground plastic moulded stud



Artificial turf training shoes

FORBIDDEN FOOTWEAR:



Soft Ground (SG)

TEAR THE SURFACE

Sole features removable, replaceable screw-in studs and typically come in a six-stud configuration, with four at the forefoot and two at the heel.



Soft Ground Pro (SGP)

TEAR THE SURFACE

Also known as Hybrid or Mixed Stud, the sole plate comprises of a combination of conical screw-in studs and moulded studs, which are most commonly bladed.



Blades

CAN CAUSE INJURY

Sole plates feature multiple straight slightly shorter, evenly dispersed studs that can restrict movement and turning which could cause injury.



Flat Sole (Indoor)

NO GRIP & FLATTEN SURFACE

Sole made up of non-marking materials such as moulded gum rubber and feature pivot points, flex grooves and herringbone patterns.