



Ysgol Clywedog Uniform Guidance September 2019 onwards.

It is with great delight and pride that Ysgol Clywedog is introducing a new school uniform for September 2019. A desire to change the uniform has been met with widespread parent, student and staff approval and support.

The new uniform will be fully implemented from September 2019 and the school will insist on 100% compliance. Students returning in September without the correct uniform will be asked to return in the appropriate uniform as outlined in our school uniform policy and this document.

Support and Assistance

The Governing Body have given a commitment to help reduce the cost of the uniform for Year 11 students, as they will only be expected to wear the uniform for one year. The school will purchase back any usable blazers and ties from year 11 at 50% of purchase price in July 2020. In order to further support families, the Governing Body have also agreed that financial support would be available to parents with multiple children at the school. The school will cover the cost of 50% of the blazer for a second child and provide a free blazer for the third child for parents who have more than one child at the school in September 2019 (Application form is here: <http://clywedog.org/parents/school-uniform/>). Any students in receipt of free school meals in year 7 and year 10 will also be able to access the Welsh Government Access Grant (Application form is here: <http://clywedog.org/parents/school-uniform/>). We will also ensure, if any parents have issues surrounding the cost of the uniform not listed above, the school will assist on a case by case basis. The school wants to do everything possible to make sure all families will be able to afford the new uniform.

The school appreciates that there are some circumstances that cannot be foreseen and therefore having the correct uniform may be difficult (a lost jumper, for example). However, the expectation of wearing full and correct uniform on a daily basis is still one of the standards that the school expects.

Wearing a school uniform instils pride and a sense of identity. It helps to establish the correct mind-set, where students are ready to learn. This is a pivotal part in ensuring that your child can get the most out of their learning, rather than staff challenging basic expected standards, such as uniform. It also helps in preparing young people for the workplace where often uniform and strict standards of appearance are enforced.

Should a student be found to have the incorrect uniform, it may be necessary for you to be contacted. In extreme cases your child might be sent home to make the necessary amendments to their uniform before returning to their studies.

As a parent/carer your assistance in enforcing the uniform policy is always gratefully received. Students should not need to lose valuable time away from their education to address situations regarding any uniform issues if they are correctly attired and presented.



If you have any queries regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The picture below illustrates the school uniform as it is to be worn from September 2019 onwards.



Footwear

The following styles of shoe are **acceptable** as part of the uniform. Please note – there must be no sports marking of any kind on this style of shoe, unless it is blacked out.





The following styles of shoe are **unacceptable** as part of the uniform.



This list is by no means exhaustive but the basic principle is evident. Shoes should not have any mark of a sports brand on the item whatsoever, regardless of if they are advertised as school shoes. The acceptable shoes are what might be termed smart, plain business type leather or leather look shoes.

Trousers

The following styles are **unacceptable** as part of the uniform.



In summary anything that is not a tailored fit, suit style trouser.

No tight fit, skinny fit, tightly tapered, combat style, cargo style “jeggings”, jeans, tight fit or tightly tapered.



The following styles are **acceptable**.



Please note they are plain and have a “tailored” appearance.



Skirts (optional)

The following styles are acceptable. Please note that the skirt should sit at the top of the knee and no shorter.



The following styles of skirt are **unacceptable:**



Again, to re-iterate the point above, these styles are representative of type of skirt that would be unacceptable and are not an exhaustive illustration.



Again, no jeans, no cargo trousers, no combat style, tight fit, skinny fit or tightly tapered.



Blazer (As per picture)



A school blazer with badge embroidered on breast pocket is only available from RAM Leisure (details below).

Tie (As per picture)



School ties are only available from RAM Leisure or the school (details below).

Shirts

Plain white formal shirt (either long sleeve or short sleeve) with a standard collar for a tie.

Optional jumper.



Students have the option of wearing a Clywedog v neck jumper under their blazer (not in place of), these are only available from RAM Leisure (details below).

General Appearance

Life in school is about preparing our young people for life in the working world. Students are to avoid extreme appearances and follow the basic principles outlined below.

Jewellery

One watch, one plain ring and one pair of plain gold or silver stud earrings, one in each ear.



No other visible piercings are allowed. Students will be asked to remove any piercing which does not conform to the above, regardless of if the piercing will close up or not.

Hairstyles

No extreme hairstyles, including grade zero, tram lines, unnatural colours, stripes, Mohican styles amongst others.

Make up

Make up should be discrete and subtle. Nail varnish should be neutral. Excessive amounts of make up or bright colours will be considered unsuitable and students will be required to remove it.

An additional plea!

By signing the home school agreement and sending your child here it is implicit that you are prepared to support the school in the implementation of its very clear standards in terms of uniform and general standards of behaviour, respect and courtesy.

We find that students achieve so much more when they are focused on their studies and not distracted by minor issues about wearing “school shoes.” Therefore, we make the plea to all parents to actively support the school by being equally strict on setting the right standards that you would expect to find in the very best of schools.

Parental support in this is hugely important in getting the very best for your child and we look forward to working together with you to make sure this happens.

Identified uniform items may be purchased from RAM Leisure in the following ways:

Personal visit to RAM Leisure shop –

RAM Leisure & Workwear Limited, Trinity House, Unit 31, Whitegate Industrial Complex, Wrexham, LL13 8UG

Telephone / Fax – Tel: 01978 360360 Fax: 01978 313240

Online at www.ourschoolwear.co.uk