



## **Orsett Heath Academy**

### **School Uniform Policy**

The wearing of school uniform is an integral part of school life at Orsett Heath Academy and promotes a sense of belonging, supports high standards, and ensures students present themselves in a professional manner. All students are expected to wear full school uniform both in school and when travelling to and from school. Parents/Carers are expected to support the school in ensuring students arrive in full and correct uniform each day.

All items specific to the Orsett Heath Academy uniform are available from the school's designated suppliers: Uniformwise and Snappy Schoolwear. These include the school blazer, school tie, P.E. top and P.E. shorts. These items must be purchased from approved suppliers. If choosing to wear a skirt, the Orsett Heath Academy approved skirt, from Uniformwise, must also be purchased from designated suppliers.

Full details of uniform standards are outlined below. Students not wearing the correct uniform will be sanctioned in line with the school's behaviour policy. Tutors will check uniform daily and apply consequences where appropriate.

#### **School Blazer**

- Black blazer with school badge – from designated supplier
- Must be worn at all times in the school building unless directed otherwise

*Please note that from September 2026 school jumpers are no longer part of the Orsett Heath Academy uniform.*

#### **School Tie**

- School tie with badge – from designated supplier
- Must be worn correctly at all times

#### **School Shirt**

- Plain white shirt (long or short sleeve)
- Must be worn with top button fastened and tie correctly positioned

#### **Trousers**

- Plain black, business-style trousers
- Regular fit, full length
- Not permitted: denim, chinos, leggings, stretch fabrics, 'jeans-style' or flared style trousers

#### **Skirt**

- If choosing to wear a skirt, the Orsett Heath Academy approved skirt must be worn, purchased from Uniformwise
- Must include the school logo
- Must sit on or just touching the knee when standing
- Must be worn as designed and must not be rolled
- No alternative skirts are permitted

#### ***Transitional Arrangements (2026–27 academic year)***

*During the next academic year, existing skirts may continue to be worn provided they meet the required length. From September 2027, all students will be required to wear the approved Orsett Heath Academy skirt. However, please note that these skirts will be available to purchase from September this year.*



### **Socks and Tights**

- Socks: black or dark grey; short socks only (with trousers)
- Tights: plain black and opaque (must be worn with skirts)
- Socks must not be worn with skirts

### **Footwear**

Footwear is an essential part of the school uniform.

- Only plain black, leather school shoes are permitted
- Shoes must be formal and appropriate for a school environment

### **Not permitted:**

- Trainers of any kind, including those marketed as “school trainers”
- Shoes with sports branding, air bubbles, thick soles or non-leather appearance
- Boots or footwear above the ankle

### **Outdoor Garments**

- Coats must be plain, dark coloured and suitable for outdoor use
- Hoodies, fleeces and non-uniform garments are not permitted
- Outdoor garments must not be worn inside the building

### **PE Kit**

Students must be appropriately equipped for all PE lessons.

### **Compulsory Items**

- Red PE top with school logo (from designated supplier)
- PE shorts with school logo (from designated supplier)

### **Optional**

- Black quarter zip PE jumper (from designated supplier) - *optional to wear. No alternative jumper is permitted.*
- Tracksuit bottoms with school logo (from designated supplier), alternatively students can wear plain black tracksuit bottoms
- Leggings with school logo (from designated supplier), alternatively students can wear plain black leggings

### **Additional Requirements**

- Trainers (for indoor PE only)
- Football boots, shin pads and gum shield (for outdoor activities where required)
- Grip socks for Dance lessons if students do not wish to be bare foot (normal day-to-day socks are not allowed)

### **Not permitted:**

- No Nike Pro style-shorts
- No other jumpers are allowed

### **Jewellery**

- A wristwatch may be worn
- Smart watches are subject to the same rules as mobile phones and therefore are not allowed

**Not permitted:**

- All piercings (including earrings and facial piercings)
- Rings, bracelets, necklaces or chains
- Any jewellery worn will be confiscated and sanctions applied in line with school policy.

**Exception:**

- Jewellery worn for religious reasons is permitted, provided it is discreet and does not pose a health and safety risk. For example, a Sikh Kara (steel bangle) may be worn and may need to be covered or removed during practical activities

**Nails / Eyelashes**

- Nail varnish, false nails and nail decoration are not permitted
- False eyelashes are not permitted

Students will be expected to rectify this immediately.

Failure to do so will result in removal from social time and further sanctions as deemed necessary.

**Hairstyles / Head Coverings**

- Hair must be of a natural colour
- Hair must not include patterns, lines or extreme styles
- A single, small, plain hair accessory is permitted
- Long hair must be tied back where appropriate for learning and safety.

**Not permitted:**

- Hats or head coverings

**Exception:**

- Head coverings worn for religious reasons are permitted and must be plain black or dark navy.

Failure to meet these standards will result in sanctions in line with school expectations.

**Enforcement**

High standards of uniform are expected at all times. Tutors will check uniform daily, and failure to meet expectations will result in immediate correction and sanction in line with the behaviour policy. Repeated breaches may result in escalation, including parental contact and further disciplinary action.