



ALDENHAM SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

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by the Deputy Head - Pastoral & Co-Curricular (EEM)**

Parents are asked to ensure that the correct clothes are sent back or worn to School each term; clean and in good repair. The aim of the clothing list is to provide a simple, functional wardrobe conducive to the overall smart appearance of the School. The School reserves the right to ban any clothing which falls outside the spirit or letter of these rules.

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE PUPIL'S INITIALS, SURNAME

Name tapes are available at the school shop:

Stevensons School Uniform Suppliers, 01727 814368, by email: sales@stevensons.co.uk, or at the school shop on site.

Pupils should wear Aldenham School uniform at all times when on site and when travelling on School transport, subject to the following exceptions:

1. Pupils may wear Aldenham sports uniform at the following times:
 - a. Games and PE lessons including House Games and team practices
 - b. For drama workshops and dance rehearsals
 - c. For activity sessions, if appropriate for the activity
 - d. In lessons – only with the specific written permission of a member of staff if they have a specific sports fixture immediately after the lesson
 - e. Year 9 and above only: **clean** branded sports uniform with trainers in the Dining Hall immediately before or after games or PE lessons. An Aldenham branded track suit will be required to be worn over muddy legs. Pupils in dirty kit will be sent away to change. Pupils in non-Aldenham kit will not be allowed into the Dining Hall and will be issued with a Blue (see below for details).
2. Pupils may wear appropriate casual clothes of their own choice on 'Mufti' days and on selected School trips (if directed by the trip leader).
3. Pupils may wish to remove their ties and to cover their blazers with a plain coat when travelling to and from School on the tube or when waiting at public bus stops.

All jewellery must be removed for sport. Pupils intending to have their ears pierced should ensure that this is only arranged at the beginning of the long summer holiday so that studs can be removed on return to school. Covering of piercings is not acceptable.

Pupils who have to be challenged for uniform infringements will be issued with a Blue and may be subject to House sanctions from their Housemaster/mistress (HSM). If the situation is not rectified the pupil will be subject to further School sanctions.

If pupils fail to abide by the School's expectation regarding the wearing of appropriate uniform then they may be sent home until the situation is rectified.

For guidance, the following are examples that will result in Blues when noticed by staff:

Top shirt button undone
Loose cravat-style tie knot or no tie
Skirt excessively rolled up
Shirt untucked
No blazer
Unshaven (Years 7 to 11 only)
Trainers
Excessive jewellery
Excessive makeup
Brightly coloured tights
Brightly coloured socks (Year 7-11 only)
Brightly coloured coats or hats
Brightly coloured nail polish or artificial nails

Excessively short suit skirt or non-suit 'bodycon' skirt (Sixth Form only)
Patterned or coloured shirts (Sixth Form only)
Sweatshirt, hoodie or jersey jumper with uniform
Non-Aldenham sports uniform

The following may require the pupil to be removed from School until rectified:

Unnaturally coloured, two tone or multi-coloured hair
Visible body or facial piercings
Earrings that cannot be removed

Any questions about the uniform policy should be directed to your child's HSM in the first instance.

YEARS 7 TO 11 DAY WEAR

The new nomenclature of 'skirt uniform' allows pupils to make a thoughtful and considered choice about the clothes worn at school in relation to their gender identity. The choice of 'skirt' style is assumed from the way a pupil chooses to dress at the beginning of the academic year and their choice of blazer style. Any decision to change to 'skirt' style would be made with parental consent and with the approval of the Head of the Senior School.

Blazer	With School crest (male and female styled blazers are available) Martineau's/Woodrow's tutor group badges should be sewn on the left lapel (these will be issued at the start of term)
Shirt	Plain white, collared, polyester/cotton (short or long sleeved)
Either trouser style	Dark charcoal grey or black. Trousers should hold a crease and be long enough to cover the ankles
Or skirt style	Pleated school shirt, purchasable from the School length, of an acceptable length (Stevenson's staff to advise)
School tie	School ties available from the school shop
Sweater	Navy V neck
Socks/tights	Grey or black socks must be worn with trousers The following may be worn with the skirt uniform : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • natural, black or navy plain tights • white, black or grey trainer/ankle socks • knee length navy socks
Scarf (optional)	Either School scarf, or plain black or navy scarf
Hat (optional)	Plain black or navy hat (no caps) with no motifs, logos or adornments
Outdoor coat	Smart plain style in navy, black or dark colour. No motifs, leather or military styles
Shoes	Smart black 'polishable' leather shoes of a traditional style. Shoes worn with the skirt uniform must have a heel no higher than 1½in. Fabric/suede shoes or anything of trainer or ballet/pump style are not permitted. Shoes with a stiletto are not permitted

Pupils may also require a padlock for their locker which can be purchased at the school shop or at a retailer of your choice.

Hair must be worn in a conventional clean and tidy style which could not be construed as attention-seeking. Hair must be of natural looking colour but subtle highlights or highlight braids are permitted. Unnatural colours, multi-coloured or ostentatious hairstyles are not allowed.

Pupils must be clean shaven.

Jewellery must be discreet and may include one pair of small stud earrings (a maximum of one in each ear lobe only), one simple plain ring, and one simple bracelet. Other piercings and wearing of studs are not allowed, eg. eyebrows, noses, etc. Necklaces should not be visible.

Nails must be neatly trimmed and short enough for sporting activities. No make-up other than light concealer.

No coloured or patterned undergarments are permitted, including t-shirts.

SIXTH FORM DAY WEAR

The new nomenclature of 'male style' and 'female style' Sixth Form dress allows students to make a thoughtful and considered choice about the clothes worn at school in relation to their gender identity. The style category is assumed from the way a pupil chooses to dress at the beginning of the academic year. Any decision to change style would be made with parental consent and with the approval of the Head of the Senior School. Students must wear full 'male' or 'female' style not a combination of both.

<p><u>Male style:</u> Formal business type suit Please note that students <u>must have a dark suit to wear on formal occasions</u> such as Open Day, Visitation Day, Carol Concert, school photographs and other days as decided by the School</p>	<p>A plain or subtle patterned black / light or dark grey / dark blue two or three piece suit of conventional design & fabric. Bold patterns, stripes or other colours are NOT permitted. Suit trousers should hold a crease and be long enough to cover the ankles. Jackets should fit comfortably with the buttons fastened. Trousers should always be part of the suit set. Suit jackets should be worn at all times during School. Suits of appropriate style are available from the school shop</p>
<p>Shirt</p>	<p>Plain white, long sleeved shirt, designed to be worn with a tie. Only School Praes are allowed to wear a coloured shirt</p>
<p>Tie</p>	<p>A School, House or other Aldenham awarded tie must be worn</p>
<p>Sweater (optional)</p>	<p>Plain dark blue/grey or black to match the suit with a neck that does not cover the tie. The sweater should be of plain design and knitted fabric. Jersey or sweatshirt type fabric is not permitted</p>
<p>Shoes</p>	<p>Smart leather or suede shoes of a traditional style. Fabric shoes or anything of trainer style are not permitted</p>
<p>Socks</p>	<p>Must be worn but may be any colour</p>
<p><u>Female style:</u> Formal business type trouser/skirt suit Please note that students <u>must have a dark suit to wear on formal occasions</u> such as Open Day, Visitation Day, Carol Concert, school photographs and other days as decided by the School</p>	<p>A plain or subtle patterned black / light or dark grey / dark blue two or three piece suit of conventional design & fabric. Bold patterns, stripes or other colours are NOT permitted. Suit trousers should be long enough to cover the ankles or be of narrow legged capri style. Jackets should fit comfortably with the buttons fastened and be of conventional length, not 'three quarter' length. Skirts should be knee length. Skirts must fit comfortably so they allow free movement. Any slits must be of an appropriate length and sit closed while standing. Trousers or skirts should always be part of the suit set. Suit jackets should be worn at all times during School. Suits of appropriate style are available from the school shop</p>
<p>Shirt</p>	<p>Plain white blouse / shirt with open neck for everyday wear. Please note students must have a plain white shirt designed to be worn with a tie and tucked in for formal occasions. An appropriate Aldenham tie is also required on these occasions. Only School Praes are allowed to wear a coloured shirt.</p>

Sweater (optional)	Plain dark blue or grey or black V or crew neck to match the suit. The sweater should be of plain design and knitted fabric. Jersey or sweatshirt type fabric is not permitted
Shoes	Shoes must be a dark colour with a heel no higher than 2in. The shoes must be leather or suede of suitable quality to be worn daily and give adequate support. Fabric pumps/ballet pumps with no support, or shoes with a stiletto are not permitted.
Socks or tights	These must be worn with long trousers but may be any colour. The following may be worn with a skirt or capri length trousers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • natural, black or navy plain tights • white, black or grey trainer/ankle socks

Students may also require a padlock for their locker which can be purchased at the school shop or a retailer of your choice.

Hair must be worn in a conventional clean and tidy style which could not be construed as attention-seeking. Hair must be of natural looking colour but subtle highlights or highlight braids are permitted.

Pupils are allowed to wear beards or other facial hair but it must be neat and closely trimmed.

Jewellery must be discreet and may include one pair of small stud earrings (a maximum of one in each ear lobe only), one simple plain ring, and one simple bracelet. Other piercings and wearing of studs are not allowed, eg. eyebrows, noses, etc. Necklaces should not be visible.

Nails must be neatly trimmed and short enough for sporting activities. Nail varnish can be worn but must be of a pale shade. No synthetic nails.

Light subtle make-up is permitted including mascara, concealer and light foundation. Fake eye lashes, eye shadow, heavy eyeliner, strong blusher and lipstick are not allowed.

Undergarments should not be visible through shirts/tops.

Students may also require a padlock for their locker which can be purchased at the school shop.

SPORTS UNIFORM: BOYS' SPORT

FOOTBALL / HOCKEY

Years 7 and 8: reversible black/gold football shirts	School branded – two recommended
Years 9-13: House sports shirt for House competitions; white polo shirt at other times	School branded
Years 9-13: House quarter zip jumper for House matches (optional)	School branded
Black football shorts	School branded – two recommended
Football boots	
Black & gold football socks	Two pairs
Black tracksuit	School branded
Sport base layer (optional)	
Sport mid layer (optional)	
Shin pads	Essential
Gum shield	Essential
Hard ground trainers	Suitable for astro turf pitch

OTHER PE

Black shorts	Plain
White polo shirt	With School crest
White socks	
Non marking sole trainers (any colour)	For use in the Sports Hall
Cricket whites	For team players only

Additional items

Towel
 Sports bag
 Jock strap & abdominal protector ('box')

School branded items are only available in the school shop. Hockey sticks, cricket bats and other sports accessories can be purchased from the school shop or a retailer of your choice.

SPORTS UNIFORM: GIRLS' SPORT

Years 7-8: black games top	School branded
Years 9-13: House sports shirt for House competitions / white polo shirt at other times	School branded
Years 9-13: House hoody for House matches (optional)	School branded
Black games skort	School branded
Gold & black games socks	School branded for football / Hockey
White socks	Netball
Black tracksuit	School branded
Aldenhams white polo shirt	School branded
White sports socks	
Non-marking sole training shoe	
Outdoor training shoe	
Sport base layer (optional)	
Sport mid layer (optional)	
Gum shield	Essential

Additional items

Towel

Sports bag

School branded items are only available in the school shop. Hockey sticks and other sports accessories are available from the school shop or a retailer of your choice.

BOARDERS' ITEMS

In addition to sufficient school uniform (2 pairs of trousers, skirts or suits, 6 white shirts etc.) boarders should bring the following items of clothing:

Towels – two minimum. Size 28in x 50in max (small bath size) with loop in the middle of the long side.

Laundry bag

Toiletries (to include shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant and other personal items)

Hairdryer and hair straighteners (if applicable)

Pyjamas / nightwear and a dressing gown

One pair slippers / indoor shoes

Underwear

Stationery for school lessons (maths set, pencils and writing pens) and some note paper

Laptop computer, wi-fi enabled (optional)

Alarm clock

Casual clothing (comfortable home clothes for wearing around School at weekends)

A set of smart formal clothing (to wear at the House Dinner and boarders' suppers)

Warm and waterproof coat

The School can provide duvet covers or boarders may choose to bring their own. Duvet covers should be made of cotton or a poly cotton mix, be washable and of UK dimensions.

72 additional name tapes should be handed to Matron.

Boarders' dress code

1. At breakfast, Monday to Friday, boarders must wear full School uniform in the Dining Hall. At weekends boarders may wear casual clothes to breakfast but not pyjamas or similar.
2. Boarders may wear appropriate casual clothes after 5.30pm in the evenings (4.40pm on Monday and Friday) and during the weekends. Extreme forms of dress and dress with bold or offensive slogans are not permitted.
3. Boarders or day pupils remaining at School on working days after 5.30pm may not change into casual clothes until 5.30pm (4.40pm on Monday and Friday). The only exception to this is when it is a mufti day or if a pupil is attending an off-site activity or trip.
4. In the Dining Hall during boarders' tea, pupils must choose either to wear casuals or School uniform. The wearing of a mixture of both is not permitted. School uniform, if worn, must be tidily worn according to the formal rules for daytime wear.
5. Phones, iPods or other electronic equipment are discouraged during meals to encourage pupils to talk to each other in the Dining Hall.