



## DUNBAR GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Dunbar Grammar is a caring community where you can RISE to be your best  
**RESPECT                      INCLUSION                      SUCCESS                      EFFORT**



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **RE: School Uniform Guidelines for August 2025**

At Dunbar Grammar School, we are committed to fostering a strong, inclusive and aspirational learning environment. As part of this, we are introducing an updated uniform guidance from August 2025, which aligns with our core RISE values – Respect, Inclusion, Success, and Effort – and supports our vision for all young people to Be Their Best.

The refreshed uniform aims to:

- Promote equity and affordability
- Strengthen school identity and pride
- Support our House system through visible representation via coloured house badges
- Reinforce a culture of high expectations and mutual respect

We've been consulting extensively with pupils, parents, carers and staff since November 2024 through assemblies, surveys, focus groups, parent evenings, and pupil/parent council meetings. We are grateful for the constructive feedback and have ensured that affordability and flexibility are key priorities in this transition.

**New Uniform Guidelines** (Also attached)

### **Transition Period**

2025–26 will be a transition year. Pupils may continue wearing previous years' plain **black jumpers** that meet dress code expectations if needed. Full implementation will be reviewed with the community in due course.



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# UNIFORM GUIDE

### STEP 1

Top half outer layer  
Option of school garment



### STEP 2

Select branded  
house badgie/colour  
OPTIONAL



CASTLE



LAKESIDE



VICTORIA



WHITFIELD

SCHOOL  
BLAZER

### STEP 3

Top half inner layer  
White shirt/polo top



### STEP 4

Bottom half  
Dark/black trousers/black jeans/shorts/skirt



### STEP 5

Footwear  
Example of dark shoes or dark trainers



#### S1-4 UNIFORM - DRESS CODE

##### TOP HALF

- White polo / shirt
- School jumper, hoody or 1/2 zip (recycle / re-use)

##### BOTTOM HALF

- Smart black trousers
- Black jeans
- Smart black shorts
- Skirt and tights
- Thick leggings

##### FEET

- Dark shoes or dark trainers



#### S5-6 UNIFORM - DRESS CODE

##### TOP HALF

- White shirt
- School tie
- School blazer
- School jumper, hoody or 1/2 zip (recycle/re-use)

##### BOTTOM HALF

- Smart black trousers
- Black jeans
- Smart black shorts
- Skirt and tights
- Thick leggings

##### FEET

- Dark shoes or dark trainers



#### PLEASE NOTE ITEMS NOT ALLOWED

**NO** coloured or branded clothing with logos  
(except those on very small amounts)



**NO** shoulderless tops



**NO** joggers or ripped bottoms



**NO** white trainers or crocs



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### **S1–S4 Dress Code**

#### **Top Half:**

- White polo shirt or white shirt
- Navy Jumper, hoodie, zippie or ¼ zip

#### **Bottom Half:**

- Smart black trousers/black jeans, skirt and tights, thick leggings, or smart black shorts

#### **Footwear:**

- Dark shoes or dark trainers

### **S5–S6 Dress Code**

#### **Top Half:**

- White shirt
- School tie
- Blazer (recycled/re-used encouraged)
- Optional jumper, hoodie, zippie or ¼ zip

#### **Bottom Half:**

- Smart black trousers/black jeans, skirt and tights, thick leggings, or smart black shorts

#### **Footwear:**

- Dark shoes or dark trainers

### **Ordering information**

Families are welcome to order jumpers, hoodies and ¼ zips directly through the Dunbar T-Shirt Shop, High Street, Dunbar. Items are made to order and can be purchased via the following link [www.dunbartshirt.com](http://www.dunbartshirt.com). Each pupil will have the option to wear their school house badge – Winterfield (White), Lauderdale, Castle or Victoria. This helps foster a sense of belonging and house spirit while promoting achievement and friendly competition. Additionally, families may also buy any of the uniform from local supermarket which would not include the school badge.

### **Affordability & Support**

We understand that cost can be a concern. We've made significant efforts to reduce expense:

- The jumper is the only optional branded item
- The branded polo shirt from previous years have been removed

- Items are available locally through the supermarkets or the T-Shirt Shop, Dunbar High Street, made to order. We've contacted the local Asda to ensure they are aware of the switch to navy.
- We encourage reuse and recycling of uniform items wherever possible

### **Affordability & Support**

In addition, families may be eligible for the school Uniform Grant through the east Lothian Council. You can find full information and apply online at: <https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/uniformgrants>.

For those who require further assistance, please contact the school directly and confidentially. We are here to support and have additional funding opportunities to provide uniform for families.

We ask for your support in upholding our uniform guidelines, which not only reflect our values but also create a positive and respectful school culture.

Thank you for working with us to ensure all our young people feel confident, included and ready to thrive.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Johnstone', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Johnstone  
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