



PENRYN COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY

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Introduction

At Penryn College, we believe that a strong sense of identity and belonging is essential for student success.

Our uniform and sports kits are symbols of pride, equality, and community. They reflect our high standards and support a calm, focused and safe learning environment.

We want every student to feel proud of their appearance and be confident in representing the school.

Wearing the correct uniform or PE kit helps reduce social differences, pressures, promotes equality, and prepares students for the expectations of the work environment.

If you have any related questions, please email us at: uniform@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk

Policy Aims

- To set out the school's expectations regarding uniform.
- Promote a sense of belonging and pride in our school.
- Ensure equality among students, reducing peer pressure and distractions.
- Prepare students for the expectations of the workplace.
- Support a calm, safe, and respectful learning environment.
- Present the school's approach to making the uniform affordable for parents and carers.

We are committed to supporting all students and families in meeting these expectations, offering assistance where needed to ensure every student can wear their uniform with confidence.

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives
- Complaints policy





PENRYN COLLEGE UNIFORM



Jumper

Black jumper to be worn on top of polo shirt with house colour logo clearly visible.

Shirt

White Polo Shirt with house colour logo. To be worn by all students.

(Optional grey polo shirt for year 11).

Shorts

Black, formal and tailored. Must be knee-length. No decorative loops, logos, studs or additional buttons or pockets.

Trousers

Black, formal and tailored. No combat trousers, chinos, leggings/stretch type trousers, no jeans or skinnies. No decorative loops, logos, studs, or additional buttons or pockets. Belts should be black and functional. All trousers must meet the shoe line.

Socks

Plain black or white.





PENRYN COLLEGE UNIFORM

Black, formal, polishable shoes



No branding or logos



- One pair of simple single ear studs (gold or silver) that can be worn in one or both ears.

(Our guide is a 5mm maximum diameter)

- Watches can be worn but smart watches are not acceptable.
- ✗ No necklaces
- ✗ No bracelets
- ✗ No facial piercings/spacers
- ✗ No rings



PENRYN COLLEGE PE KIT



Macron 1/4 Zip

Red top with
embroidered
badge.



Macron Polo

Red shirt with
black trim and
embroidered
badge.



Macron Leggings

Black leggings
with printed
badge.



Macron Shorts

Black shorts with
embroidered
badge.



Socks

Any brand
white sports
socks.

Macron Hoop Socks

Red and black
socks.





PENRYN COLLEGE PE KIT

Important PE information for all students

- Studded boots are required for lessons on the STP.
- Sports trainers must be worn for activities not requiring studs—skate shoes are not permitted.
- A plain black base layer (e.g. Under Armour-style top) is acceptable in cold or poor weather conditions.
- Shin pads and gumshields are strongly recommended for football, hockey and rugby for safety.
- No jewellery is allowed during any PE lesson. If a student has recently had their ears pierced and is unable to take their earrings out then they must provide their own tape.
- Hair must be tied up.
- Students must bring their full PE kit to every lesson, even if they are unable to participate physically. They will remain part of the lesson and will have a leadership role.
- If a student is unable to participate, they must bring a written note explaining the reason for non-participation.





Make-up

Discreet make-up is permitted and discretion is left with the Staff. False eyelashes are not permitted. Natural coloured nail varnish only, no false or acrylic nails.



Hairstyles

Hair should be neat, tidy and of an acceptable natural colour. Patterned, shaved, or multi-coloured hair is not permitted. If hair is dyed, it should be of one natural-looking colour only. Hair accessories should be simple and discreet. Hair must be tied back for safety in certain subjects, for example, PE, Science, or STEAM.



Coats

- We recommend students bring an appropriate outdoor coat to wear in cold/wet weather.
- A hoodie is not classed as an outdoor coat and will be confiscated if worn in school.
- Coats are to be taken off for learning, or when asked by staff.



Non-school uniform items

All our students must be safe and have high standards of uniform at all times. For these reasons, the following items are not permitted and should not be worn or brought to school. All staff will confiscate such items consistently.

- All facial jewellery, other than one stud earring, per ear. Nose studs/spacers and hoops are NOT acceptable.
- Excessive make-up, all make-up should be minimal and natural.
- Body art, such as pen/ink marks, tattoos- including henna.
- Bandanas/hair scarves.
- Nail varnish and/or nail extensions.
- False eye lashes.



OUR LEGAL DUTIES

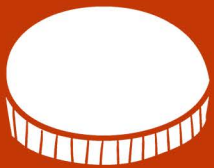
Under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religious belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, we will:

- Ensure that our uniform costs are the same for all students.
- Make no restrictions in relation to how students style their hair as long as it is appropriate for school (e.g. students are allowed to have long hair, it may be required to be tied up for health and safety purposes in practical subjects).
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols.

For religious and cultural queries, or to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to protected characteristics, please contact: uniform@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk



LIMITING THE COST

We have a duty to ensure that our uniform is affordable and in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers.

We will do this by:

- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler.
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities.
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items.
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes.
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy.
- Our local suppliers are Macron South West and Castle Sports.

COMING
SOON

PENRYN COLLEGE PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

To support sustainability and affordability, parents and carers are encouraged to make use of the Pre-loved shop, where pre-owned uniform and school equipment can be swapped.

The aim is to help families save money while also reducing waste and lowering our collective carbon footprint. By reusing perfectly good items, we promote environmental responsibility and community support.

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