

THE PEELE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Uniform and Appearance Policy

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The Peele Community College believes that all students should be empowered to achieve and aspire to the highest, be treated with respect, and treat others with respect. We want all our students to enjoy life with us. All students are expected to reflect this attitude of mutual respect by being smartly dressed in complete college uniform, whilst in and when travelling to and from the college. College uniform helps to create a positive, corporate, community identity for the students of the college, fostering a sense of belonging and responsibility. The uniform is a visible sign of belonging to the Peele Community College and it should be worn with pride. The local community recognises us and it is therefore extremely important that all members of the college present themselves in a positive and well-ordered way. The college is committed to smart, formal dress for all students and staff to reflect the fact that the college is in the business of learning.

All students will be expected to wear full college uniform correctly from the beginning of term and at all times when involved in college business. Students are not permitted to adapt their uniform with the addition of non-uniform items or omission of regulation items during college time. Students will be advised regularly, and at least annually, of what items are and are not permitted. Parents and students are urged to note and follow the spirit as well as the letter of the college uniform regulations. The lists of regulations and regulation items will be reviewed regularly and updated as necessary. Parents will be informed of changes to the list and allowed appropriate time to accommodate changes to the regulations.

Parents are requested to provide written notification of any reason why a student is temporarily unable to comply with the uniform regulations. Students should present this written notification to their Head of Year who will, if appropriate, endorse the reason given and supply the student with a planner note to excuse the issue. This planner note should be presented to all other staff who may challenge the uniform issue.

As according to our Positive Discipline Policy, Students can expect the college to apply proportionate interventions/sanctions for the failure to rectify infringements of the uniform regulations.

In accordance with our Home School Agreement, we expect parents, carers and students to support the implementation of the uniform rules.

Procedures

All college staff will support the policy both in the classroom and in and around the college; (turning a blind eye to a breach of the uniform rules would be giving tacit approval to the breach). Heads of Year and form tutors will play an important role in monitoring uniform on a daily basis. Heads of Year will liaise with parents/carers where there are problems of an on-going nature. Every subject teacher will check uniform on entry into the classroom and insist on the correct wearing of the uniform. Any breaches will be referred to the student's Head of Year.

Variations to the prescribed college uniform are forbidden and any student who is in breach of college uniform rules will be placed in isolation until their uniform is sent in.

UNIFORM (Specific items are detailed below under Our Uniform 2016/2017)

We advise parents to clearly mark each item of school uniform with the student's name.

BAGS

A student's main college bag must be sturdy, dark/neutral and a single shade in colour and large enough to properly carry an A4 ring binder. Smaller bags are not appropriate as a main college bag. Fashion handbags or 'purse' type bags for girls are not appropriate as a main college bag.

BELTS

Students can wear belts but they must be plain black with no studs or decoration.

BLAZERS

Students can remove their jumpers and blazers in class with staff permission but must have their ties and top buttons worn correctly with shirts tucked in.

Jumpers and blazers can be taken off outside the building during break and lunchtime periods
Blazers must be worn at all times in the college building when not in lessons with the exception of the above.

COATS

Coats, **but not hoodies**, may be worn to and from the college, but not inside the college, except on arrival and when leaving at the end of the day.

Students arriving in coats, scarves and gloves must only wear them outside the building. These must be removed upon entry into the locker area.

JUMPERS

The wearing of jumpers is completely optional. However, jumpers should not be tucked into trousers or skirts.

SHIRTS

A white shirt must be worn and the top button done up. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

SHOES

Shoes must be plain black, smart office type college shoes with no motifs, coloured stitching or coloured/reflective areas. Training shoes, boots, plimsolls, casual shoes and pumps are not permitted footwear even if they are black. Backless, suede or cloth footwear is not allowed because it presents a potential Health and Safety risk.

Any student caught wearing trainers or inappropriate footwear in the college building during the college day will be removed straight to isolation without question.

SKIRTS

Skirts should be black and below knee length. Tube skirts/tight fitting skirts of a stretch fabric are not allowed.

Clothing made from denim, leather and corduroy is not permitted in college. Linen skirts are also not acceptable.

SOCKS

Socks must be either ankle or knee length (i.e. just below the knee,) plain black or white and tights must be black, natural, plain and not patterned. Coloured, frilled or over the knee socks are not allowed.

TIES

Ties must be worn correctly with six stripes visible.

TROUSERS

Students are expected to wear appropriate black school trousers which does not include fitted/fashion trousers i.e. skinny fit jeans/trousers which are tapered at the ankle nor are leggings allowed. Trousers with buttons down the front, motifs, gems, fashion labels or wording are not permissible.

Clothing made from denim, leather and corduroy, including jeans is not permitted in college. Linen trousers are also not acceptable.

APPEARANCE

HAIR

Students are only allowed to have natural/highlighted hair colouring. Greens, blues, reds, silver shades are not allowed. Inappropriate fashion hairstyles are also not allowed. These include very short "crew cut" hairstyles, extreme styles including extreme grade 1, decorative shaved elements and motifs. A thin black headband may be worn. Any student with inappropriate unnatural hair colouring and what the college deems as extreme or fashionable hairstyles will be removed to isolation without question.

JEWELLERY

Students are allowed to wear wristwatches, one pair of stud earrings worn on the lobes i.e. one earring in each lobe), a necklace inside their shirt and a flat ring. No other jewellery or body piercings will be permitted. The rationale behind these decisions concerns safety and security.

Face, tongue piercings, teeth decorations and stretchy earrings are not allowed in college. Students will be asked to remove these and they will be confiscated and placed in an envelope and only returned to students at the end of the week. A detention will be issued. Where students have chosen (with parental consent) to have their face pierced (nose, lip, eyebrow, upper ear) they must wear a clear retainer at college in place of the metal piercing.

MAKE-UP/NAILS

Heavy make-up, nail varnish/decoration and acrylic nails are not permitted. Subtle, natural and minimal make-up will be tolerated. Where excessive quantities or extreme designs/colours are worn, students will be asked to remove their make-up and/or nail polish.

PLEASE NOTE:

Any student breaking the uniform rules in the building will have the item confiscated and returned to them from their Head of Year at the end of the week. They will also receive a detention.

Large amounts of money and expensive personal effects should not be brought into college. The college WILL NOT accept liability with regard to theft, loss or damage to these items. Money should be kept in a wallet or money belt for security reasons.

If you are unsure of the college's requirements, then please contact the college to discuss this in more detail.

Any student refusing to hand over inappropriate items that do not meet uniform standards will be placed in isolation for defiance.

The decision as to whether something is sensible and adheres to school uniform lies with the college.

Our Uniform 2016/2017

Purchase Uniform:

College uniform is available from Rob Horspool, Design and Embroidery.

E-mail address: sales@designandembroidery.co.uk

College blazer with college logo

College tie

Black jumper, with college logo

PE KIT

In PE students should bring their PE kit to every lesson even if they are unwell to participate as a performer. Students who are excused on medical grounds need to hand in their note to their PE teacher and continue to get changed. These students will then be given other roles such as coaching or officiating.

The Peele Community College PE kit is compulsory and consists of:

Boys

A Peele Community College: polo shirt
shorts or tracksuit bottoms
black football socks

Girls

A Peele Community College: polo shirt
shorts / tracksuit bottoms / skirt / sports leggings
black football socks

Optional items for boys and girls

A Peele Community College: tracksuit top

The above items (except the black socks) are available from Rob Horspool, Design and Embroidery.

Advisory- due to the nature of the sport: Mouth guard -rugby/hockey
Shin guards - football/hockey

All items should be clearly marked with the student's name.

Valuables

Students should leave valuables in their lockers where possible.

Footwear

Trainers need to be clean and supportive, therefore plimsolls and fashion shoes will not be permitted.

Students are advised to wear a studded boot for activities such as football and rugby.

Jewellery

Taping over earrings is no longer a sufficient practice as it does not effectively prevent injury, particularly impact injuries. Therefore all jewellery must be removed.

Equipment and Preparing to Learn

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Students arriving at college with incorrect footwear or bag will be removed to isolation.

Examples of the kind of school shoes that are appropriate



Examples of the kind of school shoes that are not appropriate



Canvas Vans



Sports
Trainers



Non sensible
shoes