



BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD
Catholic College
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UNIFORM POLICY

At Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College we place great importance on appearance.

We expect all of our pupils to wear the full college uniform properly and with pride. This applies both inside and outside of school and when travelling to and from college.

In keeping with the dress code I would also like to draw your attention to the college's policy on hairstyles which may differ from your child's Primary School. At Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College hair should be smart and of natural colour. Dyed hair and unnatural colour, including balayage, dip-dyed hair are prohibited. Long hair (i.e. below shoulders) should always be tied up. 'Fashion' cuts including 'tram lines' are not permitted. Pupils who do not comply with these rules will be placed in isolation. Hair infringements incur a 3 day isolation (or until it is dyed back to a natural colour). Uniform infringements incur a break and lunch isolation, until the situation is rectified, such as inappropriate school shoes and hair colour.

- Extreme hairstyles are not in keeping with our good standard of appearance. Haircuts should not be 'extreme'. Hair must be business-like and smart. Any hair infringements will incur a 3 day isolation. Repeated offences may result in exclusion.
- Extreme haircuts are not in keeping with the high standards of the colleges uniform policy. Pupils are permitted to have a 'fade', starting at no less than a number 2 and ending at no less than a 1.5. The nape of the neck and sides must clearly have visible hair. If in doubt, parents and carers should contact the Head of House / Head of Year before changing a hair style. Pupils will receive a sanction if they do not comply with these rules.

Personal Appearance

Personal appearance is a matter of pride. Whilst we are aware of current fashions and the impact of peer pressure, we expect all of our pupils to present themselves in a smart and respectful manner at all times in College and when travelling to and from College.

- Make-up, fake tan, false nails, nail-varnish, false eyelashes, rings, (visible) body piercings or visible tattoos, nose studs and ear plugs are strictly not allowed.
- We do not allow haircuts to fade to bald. Pupils are permitted to have a fade, starting at no less than a number 2. The nape of the neck must clearly have hair. Cuts to eyebrows are not acceptable. Hair longer than the shoulders should be tied back. Undercuts are not permitted.
- Hair should be natural in colour; dyed hair that does not appear to be 'natural' is not permitted.
- Pupils should be **clean shaven** for school at all times.
- Jewellery is not allowed. Pupils may wear a watch. Girls may wear one small pair of stud earrings in the bottom lobe of the ear. Earrings for boys are **not** permitted.
- Ties must be worn to the top button and reach the waistband.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- 'Hoodies' and baseball caps are not permissible in College. Any coat/jacket must be removed in the school building.
- Blazers are to be worn at all times unless permission has been given in the classroom by the teacher to remove them.
- College bags should be plain and of a dark colour which tones with the uniform and should be able to hold an A4 folder. Only backpacks, satchels and record bags are acceptable.
- Permanent Tattoos or Henna Tattoos are not permitted in school
- Pupils must wear plain black leather style shoes (not boots, nor anything that has a sports logo). If the 'shoe' looks anything like a trainer / sports shoe, **please do not purchase it as it will be unacceptable for school**. We recommend that girls wear comfortable, sturdy shoes ('Dolly' shoes are very flimsy and do not give the support required). **Canvas pumps are also not permitted as school shoes for any pupils.**

- 'Jean type' trousers are not acceptable for school. Trousers must be standard school wear / suit trousers. **Canvas jeans, riveted pockets and fashion trousers such 'skinny' jeans are not permitted.** Girls can purchase BTH trousers from our uniform suppliers.
- School skirts are sold in a variety of different lengths at both of our uniform suppliers. **Please remember that skirts must be no shorter than 1 inch above the knee.**