



Uniform, Equipment, and Personal Appearance

At Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College, we value equity, personal pride, and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Our uniform and personal appearance policy reflects our commitment to creating a Christ-centred, inclusive community where all students can focus on their holistic development—**Be Kind, Work Hard, and Develop Your Whole Self.**

We emphasise that wearing a uniform is not only about fostering a sense of belonging and equality but also about reducing disparities and distractions, allowing all students to flourish academically, spiritually, and socially.

Uniform Expectations

Students in Years 7-11 must wear the full college uniform as outlined below. We expect students to wear their uniform properly and with pride, reflecting the high standards of our community both in and outside school.

Uniform Guidelines

Item	Details	Colour
Pleated skirt*	No shorter than 1 inch above the knee (longer lengths available).	Tartan
Formal school trousers	No 'jean', 'legging', 'sporty' or 'skinny' styles; must be standard schoolwear/suit trousers.	Black
V-neck jumper with college logo (optional)		Navy
Blaser with college logo*	Must be worn at all times unless permitted by a teacher.	Navy
College tie*	House tie or plain Year 7 tie.	College colours
Shirt	Standard long or short-sleeve school shirt.	White
Tights	No socks allowed; tights must tone with uniform.	Black or Navy

PE Kit (2024/25 Onwards)

All students must wear the updated PE kit, mandatory for Year 7 and optional for other year groups:

- **Compulsory items:** T-shirt, overhead sweater (sweatshirt or ¼ zip), shorts or leggings, and navy socks.
- **Optional items:** Tracksuit bottoms and waterproof jacket.
- Students with the previous PE kit (e.g., Puma items) may continue to wear these until no longer serviceable.

PE kits must be ordered through approved suppliers: Monkhouse, Tru Uniform, or Petite Modes.

Footwear

Sensible, plain **all-black shoes** (no logos or trainer styles).

Not permitted: Boots, trainers, open-toe, high-heeled, or "fashion shoes" (e.g., canvas pumps, dolly shoes). Shoes must be sturdy and supportive.

Personal Appearance

We take pride in ensuring that students' appearance reflects respect for themselves and the community. While we are mindful of fashion trends and peer pressure, we maintain high standards for personal presentation:

- **Jewellery:**
 - No jewellery (rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, or body piercings).
 - Watches are permitted, but **smartwatches** are not allowed.
- **Hair:**
 - Hair must be natural in colour and neatly styled.
 - **Not permitted:** Extreme hairstyles, fades to bald (shorter than grade 1.5), eyebrow cuts, or unnatural dye colours.
 - Students must be clean-shaven at all times.
- **Makeup:**
 - No makeup, false eyelashes, fake tan, false nails, or nail polish.
- **Clothing and Accessories:**
 - Hoodies and baseball caps are not allowed.
 - Coats must be removed inside the college building.

- Ties must be worn correctly to the waistband, and shirts tucked in.

School Bags

To protect schoolbooks and ensure students are well-prepared for learning:

- **Permitted bags:** Plain black, navy, or dark purple backpacks, satchels, or portfolio bags that can fit an A4 folder.
- **Not permitted:** Bright colours, fashion bags, or drawstring kit bags (except for PE kits).

Unacceptable bags will be confiscated, and students will be issued a loaned school bag until they replace their own with a suitable alternative.

Equipment Requirements

Students must bring the following every day to school:

1. A suitable sturdy school bag (dark colour).
2. A pencil case with:
 - Two black/blue pens.
 - A pencil.
 - A pencil sharpener.
 - Pencil crayons.
 - A ruler.
 - A rubber.
 - A calculator.
 - A maths protractor and compass.
 - An Oxford pocket dictionary.
3. A reading book for reading for pleasure #BTHREADS

Support for Families

We are committed to promoting equity by ensuring that uniform costs remain affordable and accessible:

- **Pre-Loved Uniforms:**
 - Available during Easter and Summer term uniform shops or by contacting the child's Head of Year.

- Donations of clean, gently-used uniforms are always welcome.
- **Supplier Collaboration:**
 - We work with approved suppliers (Monkhouse, Tru Uniform, Petite Modes) to keep prices reasonable and ensure all items meet our quality standards.

Families facing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the school for discreet support in accessing uniform items.