



## GUIDANCE ON UNIFORM DSLVL SENIOR SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

The DSLV uniform is one of the outward signs by which the local community recognises and makes judgements about our young people. It also demonstrates that all of our young people should be treated as equals.

Here at DSLV we know that insisting on quality and high standards is vital in securing high achievement for those who attend our academy. It is important that our academy is calm, well ordered and disciplined and being dressed appropriately prepares our young people for the day ahead. It is also preparation for the world beyond education where dress codes, managing self and high expectations are equally as important. It is expected that all students will come to the academy every day in neat clean uniform, sending a message that they take pride in themselves and in their academy. Uniform should be worn smartly with no extremes of fashion. The academy is a place of work and learning. It is expected that parents and carers who choose to send their children to DSLV will support this and it is part of the Home-Academy Agreement.

All members of staff are expected to actively support the correct wearing of uniform both in classrooms and around the Learning Village.

All students at DSLV Senior School, (apart from the Sixth Form who have their own dress code) should wear the following at all times:

- A white shirt which can be tucked in and buttons up to the collar (coloured t-shirts should not be worn underneath)
- A DSLV tie
- A black blazer (Any new blazers should have the school badge on the pocket)
- A pair of smart plain black tailored trousers (not tight, narrow fit or made from stretchy fabric). Girls may wear a smart plain black tailored skirt if they wish but this must be knee length or just above
- A pair of smart black formal shoes made of polishable material (not trainer style shoes, boots or pumps)
- Black or white socks or black tights

Students may wear a v necked black pullover with the school badge if they wish. (Please note that from September 2012 this will be the only knitwear permitted in school).

### Outdoor clothes

In the colder months students may wear a plain dark coat (no logos) which should be removed when inside the building. They must not wear hooded/jersey tops and cardigans at any time. Hats and scarves should only be worn outside in the winter months.

### Jewellery, hair and make up

No jewellery is allowed except for a small pair of stud earrings in the ear lobes, a watch and one small discreet bracelet/charity band.

If makeup is worn it should not be noticeable. This includes nail varnish.

Hair must be worn in an appropriate style, suitable for a working environment. Heads must not be shaved, nor should there be any extreme of style which would attract attention or comment and undermine the ethos of DSLV. Hair decorations should not be worn. Hair should be of one natural colour.

## **Religious and Cultural**

If, for religious or cultural reasons a pupil has to wear a head covering then this must be black in colour to match the DSLV uniform. Any head covering worn should leave the face visible.

## **The following items are not allowed at DSLV:**

Jeans  
Leggings  
Very tight trousers  
Trousers exposing the midriff (hipster style) or drainpipe (skinny) trousers  
Three quarter length trousers  
Shorts  
Striped trousers or trousers which are not black  
Skirts which are not knee length  
Very tight skirts  
Shirts which do not button to the neck  
Coloured t- shirts which are visible under shirts  
Fitted jackets and jackets without full length sleeves  
Jumpers which are not DSLV jumpers  
Hoodies  
Cardigans  
Shrugs  
Any kind of boots  
Pumps  
Sandals  
Coloured, studded or decorative belts  
All Jewellery other than a watch, one bracelet and one pair of stud earrings  
Any facial piercings  
No obvious cosmetics or nail polish or false nails  
Tattoos

## **ENSURING CONSISTENCY OF UNIFORM**

### **Form Tutors**

Form tutors are expected to check and correct uniform including removal of non- uniform items at every registration ensuring that tutees go off to lessons dressed correctly. They are also responsible for letting Directors of College know of incorrect uniform so that the student can be placed in break detention that day. Form tutors will contact parents to discuss any recurring problems.

### **Class Teachers**

Class teachers are expected to check and correct uniform at the start and end of every lesson.

### **Persistent jewellery/hoodies/cardigans etc**

Pupils who persist in wearing items which are not allowed will have them confiscated. If this happens more than once in any tutor time or lesson parents will be asked to come and collect the items. Confiscated items for collection by parents must be taken to the front office.

## **PE UNIFORM POLICY**

PE uniform is compulsory for all students at DSLV. The PE uniform must be purchased through the academy.

### **PE Kit - Boys and Girls – required for all students**

- Maroon rugby shirt/reversible sky blue stripe (boys)
- Black fleece with logo (girls)
- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms with logo
- Maroon socks
- Trainers
- Football boots
- Plain white polo shirt with logo
- White/black socks for indoor use

### **Examination PE Kit - Boys and Girls – optional for all students**

- Black capped sleeve dance top (with logo and surname on reverse)
- Black polo shirt (with logo and surname on reverse)
- Black short (with logo)

### **Items that are not permitted**

- Jewellery
- Football shirts or t-shirts with slogans
- Blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Hooded tops
- Trainers with marking soles

All students must bring their full kit to each PE lesson as this will give them the best chance of learning the most they can in lessons. If full correct kit is not brought, the student will be given PE kit to wear during the lesson and the following rules will be adhered to:

1. Student comes to PE lesson and borrows kit to take part = Kit mark, subject detention (break/lunch time with class teacher)
2. Student comes to PE and refuses to borrow kit = Level 3 (refusal to comply) – Kit mark, phone call home, subject detention (after-school with class teacher)

Persistent lack of full PE kit with result in the following:

1. When a student reaches 10 behaviour points for PE they are placed on PE Report.
2. Should a student have 4 lunch detentions during one month, the next detention will be a subject detention (after-school with class teacher).
3. Should a student have 2 subject detentions (after-school with class teacher) during one month, the next detention will be a departmental detention (after-school, set by Head of Department).
4. Following departmental detention – students will be placed on PE Participation Report. If no progress is made on PE report, parents will be invited in for meeting with Head of Department.

## **NON-PARTICIPANT POLICY**

Students may attend lessons and be unable to participate practically in the lesson. This does not mean however that they cannot play an active part in the lesson and continue to improve their learning.

As a result when injured students attend a lesson they will experience one or more of the following learning tasks.

- Complete a worksheet on the lesson.
- Act as a coach/leader for a group.
- Assess levels of selected students with the use of the AFL criteria.
- Select students who have shown high ability or progress levels to receive achievement points.
- Act as an official.
- Create questions to ask the group to test other student's knowledge.
- Depending on the injury and the sport being taught the student should participate in any parts of the lesson where safe to do so.

A non-participant should never be sat down away from the rest of the class they should always be involved in the lesson and should come into the teacher with the rest of the group to listen to teacher instruction.

## **DEPARTMENTAL LESSON ROUTINES (students and PE staff)**

On arrival at the changing rooms students should change quickly into the appropriate kit and remove any jewellery. Long hair needs to be tied back for personal safety and that of others. Good behaviour in the changing rooms is essential. While changing students will receive instructions regarding the movement to the facility / area in which their lesson is scheduled to take place. Students will also receive instructions about any equipment required to be collected / moved for use within the lesson. Students should always make their way quickly and in an orderly fashion and settle immediately for the beginning of the lesson. When all students have exited the changing rooms they need to be securely locked. The teacher responsible for teaching the lesson must ensure that a register is taken prior to the start of practical activity.

It is essential that the PE Department is made fully aware of any short and long term student medical conditions so that provision can be made accordingly. A log of long term medical issues is displayed on the PE office notice board. All PE staff are required to be familiar with all students within their teaching groups with any medical or special educational requirements.

Non-participants are required to hand in an excuse note / message displayed in their student planner to the teacher responsible for teaching the lesson. All notes should include a brief explanation of the medical or any other reason for non-participation. Parents / carers can also telephone the school or email the PE Department directly with reasons for non-participation. Students who have a prolonged injury or illness (more than 2 weeks) must support any notes with a medical certificate from their doctor. Non-participants will be set appropriate tasks by the class teacher in accordance with the nature of the problem. This may range from some form of practical involvement within the lesson such as refereeing or scoring to written work specific to the activity that they are unable to participate in. Non-participants should still bring and change into appropriate PE kit for lessons to avoid getting their uniform and shoes soiled.

Students are responsible for their own PE kit and each item should be named. The PE Department has a supply of spare kit and will provide students with kit to wear when necessary. Students should check at the PE office when they have mislaid kit to see if it has been handed in / located. Lost items should be replaced as soon as possible with all items of PE kit being available to purchase through the school.

Throughout PE lessons students need to listen to and follow instructions at all times. As it is a practical and physical environment there will always be a level of acceptable risk. Within this environment however it is therefore essential that all students and PE staff adhere fully to all prescribed health and safety rules and regulations in order to minimise the risk of accident or injury. This includes the wearing of required safety equipment, such as shin pads, within certain activities. It is advised that pupils wear gum shields for rugby lessons.