

## Dressing for Excellence

### What can parents/carers do?

- ✓ Make sure you are aware of the benefits of our school dress code and discuss these with your child.
- ✓ Stay committed to it – sometimes the road may be rocky, but it is worth showing your determination.
- ✓ Keep in contact with the school and other parents/carers; a united approach will reinforce the messages to children and young people.
- ✓ If you are contacted by the school to inform you that your child has not worn any or part of the approved dress code, discuss it with your child; set out your expectations and revisit the benefits.
- ✓ Praise your child for supporting our dress code. Link it to what are often dress code expectations in the workplace.



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### School Dress Code Expectations

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*'creating our future together'*

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At Lasswade High School our school values are Creativity, Effort, Kindness and Respect. These underpin our expectations for student actions and behaviours.

A school dress code is an important way of reinforcing our values and drive for excellence. How these values link to our dress code rationale are shown in brackets below.

Lasswade High School expects and strongly encourages all students to follow our dress code since it can:

- ✓ contribute to school security and personal safety (Respect)
- ✓ promote a positive and professional work ethic (Effort)
- ✓ help students to see school as a place of learning (Effort & Creativity)
- ✓ support positive behaviour, equity and discipline (Kindness)
- ✓ encourage our collective Lasswade identity, and support our positive school ethos (Respect)
- ✓ promote equality of opportunity and social justice (Kindness)
- ✓ protect young people from social pressures, e.g., to dress in a fashion oriented or expensive way (Respect & Kindness)
- ✓ nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of students (Respect & Kindness)

Our Student Support Team will discuss the importance of dress code with all students. They and members of our SLT are committed to working with families to ensure that students follow our dress code expectations.

We will engage with families in a way that reflects our values ensuring that practical, solution focused approaches, to realise our aim of all students complying with our dress code expectations are achieved.

## Dress Code 'Vision'

We expect our students' clothing, and footwear to be a mixture of black and white with at least one item of clothing 'branded' with our school logo/badge.

**Compulsory items;** all LHS students are expected to wear:

- ✓ Either a school tie, LHS blazer or LHS half zip top (or appropriate combination)
- ✓ Plain black or white shirt, blouse, polo shirt or t-shirt (no logos)
- ✓ Plain black trousers, skirt, shorts, leggings or joggers (no logos)
- ✓ Plain black jumper, cardigan or school branded half zip top
- ✓ Plain black, white or black/white shoes

**Senior Phase items;** a more formal approach is encouraged for our Senior Phase students, including

- ✓ Shirt/Blouse; Trousers/Skirt; Black shoes
- ✓ LHS School blazer and tie

Please note that those students who are part of our Academy of Performing Arts, School of Football and School of Rugby are permitted to wear their associated 'kit' as part of dress code compliance

**PE Kit;** changing for PE (except swimming) is not expected, students should come to school dressed in PE kit on PE days, please also dress appropriately for potentially being outside on wet days, students should maintain our black/white theme:

- ✓ Plain black or white polo shirt or t-shirt (no logos)
- ✓ Plain black shorts, sports leggings, joggers (no logos)
- ✓ Sports trainers; if not black/white they should be carried and changed into at PE

We will allow students who want to bring PE kit in their school bag and change before/after PE to access PE changing rooms. This is advised on wet weather days.

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All students are expected to bring necessary equipment to support learning; this includes:

- ✓ School Bag
- ✓ Pencil Case/Calculator
- ✓ Water bottle (optional)
- ✓ Chromebook

There are forms of dress which are **unacceptable** and **not** part of our uniform.

For example:

- ✗ Ripped jeans
- ✗ immodest style or design worn in a manner that could cause offense to others
- ✗ stiletto heels or platforms.
- ✗ loose fitting clothing, flammable clothing, certain types of piercing/ear rings that could be a health and safety hazard

We expect outside wear (i.e. jackets/caps/hats/scarves etc.) to be removed when in the building.

The last Friday of each month will usually be designated a Dress Down Day. Students can either follow regular dress code expectations or, by making a contribution (£1.00 suggested), can opt to dress down and wear smart/casual clothing to school. Contributions can be made via ParentPay.

The monies collected will be split 1/3rd to the school fund (to benefit all our students) and the remaining 2/3rds to support a local, national or international charity identified by our students in conjunction with staff.

For further information relating to our Dress Code, please see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) within our School Website.

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