

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; 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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**Respect, Effort, Creativity and
Kindness @ Lasswade**

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School Uniform Policy

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At Lasswade High School our school values are Respect, Effort, Creativity and Kindness. These underpin our expectations for student 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 identity with, and support school ethos (Respect)
- ✓ promote equality of opportunity and social justice (Kindness)
- ✓ protect young people from social pressures, e.g., to dress in a particular fashionable or expensive way (Respect & Kindness)
- ✓ nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of students (Respect & Kindness)

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CHECKLIST

Compulsory items; all LHS students are expected to wear:

- ✓ Plain black or white school shirt, blouse, polo shirt or t-shirt (no logos other than school badge)
- ✓ Plain black trousers, skirt, shorts, leggings or joggers (no logos other than school badge)
- ✓ Plain black school jumper, cardigan or school branded hoody
- ✓ Plain black, white or black/white shoes

Non-compulsory items; often viewed as more formal option and available

- ✓ LHS School Blazer
- ✓ LHS House tie

PE Kit; changing for PE is not compulsory, students can come to school dressed in PE kit on PE days

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

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

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

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

For example:

- × jeans or denim
- × inappropriate length, 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 could be a health and safety hazard

We expect outside wear (ie jackets/caps/hats/scarves/hooded sweatshirts/tracksuits) 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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