ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS

UNIFORM POLICY 2026

Nominated Lead Member of Staff:	**HM**
Next Review Date:	**September 2027**

Introduction

Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the unique ethos of Altrincham Grammar School for Boys. We believe our uniform:

- Instils pride
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Encourages identity with, and support for, the School ethos
- Ensures that students of all backgrounds feel welcome
- Reduces peer pressure linked to appearance and branded fashion
- Promotes cohesion and good relations between students
- Enhances participation and enjoyment in school life, including sport

Financial support is available for families facing hardship, and a successful second-hand uniform scheme is run by the Parents and Friends Association (PFA).

AGSB acknowledges its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 and will consider making reasonable adjustments where required. The School is committed to ensuring that uniform expectations do not disadvantage any student based on protected characteristics. Individual requests for adaptations to uniform, related to religious, cultural or medical needs, will be considered sensitively and on a case-by-case basis by the Deputy Head Master.

Uniform Requirements (Years 7–11)

Compulsory:

Core UNIFORM LIST

School Blazer with badge (compulsory branded item)

School Tie, House Colours required, new joiners will be notified of their House in June - (must be worn neatly knotted and tight to the fastened collar) (compulsory branded item)

Shirt – plain white

Trousers – plain DARK grey or BLACK (no chinos or denims)

Jumper - this should be plain grey and v-necked or the School pullover for Years 7, 8 and 9. Years 10 and 11 may wear either a plain grey or a black v-necked pullover.

Shoes - Plain, conventional leather or leather-look shoes in black or brown, suitable for a formal office environment. They must be polishable, have a low heel, and be free from any sports branding or logos. Trainers, boots, suede, patent, canvas, or fabric shoes are not permitted.

Socks – plain dark

Outdoor Coat - a coat in a single, dark, and plain colour (black, dark grey, blue or green), without decoration, words or logo. Leather, denim, or brightly coloured “ski jackets” are not acceptable schoolwear.

PE AND GAMES CLOTHING

Games (outdoor)

Red and green reversible games shirt with embroidered School crest on the outer side (compulsory branded item)

Black ‘pro’ shorts with embroidered School crest (compulsory branded item)

Games socks (bottle green with red turnover top)

Football/Rugby boots

Outdoor training shoes

Towel

PE (Indoor)

AGSB White House Colours PE top with embroidered School crest (optional – plain white t shirt is acceptable)

AGSB White PE Performance Shorts with embroidered School crest (optional – plain white shorts are acceptable)

Plain white socks

Hair and Appearance:

Our intention is for students to maintain a professional or 'office-style' approach to their presentation

- Hair must be neat and of natural colour
- Close-shaved cuts (shorter than grade 2), sculpted or patterned styles are not permitted

PE and Games Clothing

Games (Outdoor):

- Red and green reversible games shirt with embroidered School Crest
- Black 'pro' shorts with embroidered School Crest
- Bottle green games socks with red turnover top
- Football/rugby boots
- Outdoor training shoes
- Towel

PE (Indoor):

- White shirt with bottle green trim and School Crest
- White shorts with bottle green trim and School Crest
- Plain white socks

Sixth Form Uniform and Appearance

Sixth Form students are expected to maintain high standards of dress and set a positive example across the School.

Required:

- Business suit or dark jacket and trousers
- School tie
- Plain, stiff-collared shirt
- V-neck jumper or quarter-zip jumper (no hoodies or sweatshirts)
- Plain, conventional leather or leather-look shoes in black or brown, suitable for a formal office environment. They must be polishable, have a low heel, and be free from any sports branding or logos. Trainers, boots, suede, patent, canvas, or fabric shoes are not permitted.

Appearance:

- Hair must be neat and of natural colour
- Jewellery is not permitted. No earrings or studs are allowed, even if covered. Rings are also not permitted.

- Badges, pins, or other insignia representing political organisations or national affiliations are not permitted as part of the School uniform.
- Sixth Formers must wear their school ID and lanyard visibly at all times

Sixth Form Games:

- Students representing school teams must wear relevant school kit
- For general games lessons, suitable non-branded fitness clothing and footwear must be worn

Uniform Supply and Cost Management

The School ensures that all required uniform items are available at reasonable cost, with distinctive items kept to a minimum. Branded uniform pieces are available from designated suppliers, while most generic items can be sourced more broadly. The School also supports a second-hand uniform scheme to assist families.

The School commits to:

- Avoiding unnecessary changes to uniform
- Minimising branded or single-supplier items
- Consulting with parents/carers and students on any significant proposed changes
- Providing support for families experiencing financial hardship

Roles and Responsibilities

Students are expected to:

- Wear the correct uniform at all times on site and during school activities
- Present themselves neatly and in line with this policy

Parents and Carers are expected to:

- Ensure their child attends school in full, correct uniform
- Clearly label all clothing
- Contact the School regarding any concerns about compliance or requests for adjustment

Staff are expected to:

- Monitor uniform consistently and sensitively
- Address non-compliance in line with the School Behaviour Policy
- Refer any complex or sensitive cases to the Deputy Headmaster

Governors are expected to:

- Review and approve the policy annually
- Ensure implementation is consistent and equitable
- Oversee uniform supply arrangements, ensuring value for money

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the nominated lead and approved by the Senior Leadership Team. Feedback from stakeholders, including parents and students, will be taken into account.

Linked Policies

- Behaviour Policy
- Equality Statement and Objectives
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Complaints Policy

For further information or to discuss any aspect of this policy, please contact the Deputy Head Master via the School Office.