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Cranleigh Abu Dhabi Uniform Policy

Overview

Students are required to wear school uniform every school day and this uniform must conform to the shades, styles, textures and colours determined by the school and in keeping with the uniform stocked by the school suppliers. Uniforms should be clean and tidy at all times, and it should be worn in full, to and from school, as well as in public, inclusive of a blazer in the Prep and Senior school. The school will formally communicate with parents if/when blazers become optional due to the temperature. Students are also expected to wear the correct uniform type as informed by the school, this includes ensuring that P.E kits are only worn for the designated times, on the designated days, as per the school information.

The full uniform list is available on the school website. The list shows the variations for each part of the school and gives details of the official school suppliers.

Hats – “No hat, no play”

In the Pre-Prep and Year 3 through to Year 6, we operate a “no hat, no play” rule throughout the year and all children will require a Cranleigh sunhat or cap when outdoors in non-shaded areas. In the Senior School, students are deemed old enough to decide for themselves whether they need to wear one or not.

Shoes & socks

All students should wear flat soled non-marking, black, leather shoes which should be properly polished. Sketchers, canvas and shoes that are made by sports brands are not allowed. All students should wear plain socks that cover their ankles, grey for boys and white for girls, with no logos. In the Pre-Prep, girls may wear navy blue tights or full-length leggings under their dresses instead of socks.

Skirt Length

Due to local sensitivities, girls’ skirts should reach below their knees. This is also an ADEK requirement. Staff are expected to actively support and uphold this dress code to ensure the school remains compliant with these standards.

School Bags

Students in the Prep and Senior schools have a choice of three bags: the Cranleigh backpack, satchel or games bag (or any combination). Pre-Prep students must have a compulsory Cranleigh backpack (FS1 - Year 2) and a compulsory drawstring bag for swimming (FS1 Nursery - Year 2). Any non-Cranleigh bags including wheelie style cabin bags will not be permitted in the Pre-Prep and Prep Schools. Students in the Senior School are allowed to use a plain black or navy blue bag without any distinctive logos or colour.

Blazers

Blazers for Prep and Senior school students must be worn in all assemblies and for all formal occasions. E.g. school photos, meeting visitors, guest speakers.

Jewellery, tattoos, and make-up

No jewellery is permitted, and this includes friendship bands and bracelets. Make-up is only allowed for Girls in Year 9 and above, this must be discreet and natural in appearance. Students with make-up deemed excessive including eye lashes, nails, blusher, eye liner, eye shadow, lipstick/liner etc. Will be asked to remove them in school. If a student continues to wear excessive make-up after a warning, they may be set home to remove the area of concern. Students who have tattoos (18 years and over) should ensure that these remain covered at all times. Girls may wear a single set of discrete stud earrings, but these must be removed for PE and CCAs if required. If a student is not able to independently remove an earring(s), then they must not wear them to school. This could potentially affect a student's participation in certain lessons/events, such as swimming. Nail varnish must be natural in colour and nails must not pose a health and safety hazard (due to length/size).

Hair

Girls' hair may be long or short but if long, i.e. below the chin, it must be tied back, discreet navy-blue hair accessories or official tartan hair accessories only. The only exception to this is in the Senior School where girls are allowed to wear their hair down (except if directed by a teacher for safety reasons such as Design Technology lessons, Science practical lessons, PE etc.). Where possible, boys' hair, excluding Sixth Form boys, should be cut to a conventional short style i.e. off the collar, above the ears and with a short fringe. The school will take into consideration hair types which reflect non-western cultures. Hair colouring must be in a natural colour only. Hair coverings/Hijabs should be plain and either blue or black in colour.

Watches

Wearing a watch is a good idea as the children get older and become more independent. Watches vary tremendously in value, and we ask you to use your judgment as the school will not be held liable for any losses or damages incurred. All watches (including fitness watches) must be removed for PE and some CCAs and students may be required to remove watches for examinations.

Smart watches fall under the Responsible use Policy for electronic devices and rules for Mobile Phones. No watch should be worn to school with the ability to make or receive phone calls, as well as record audio, video or capture images. If a watch is deemed to be causing a distraction to a student or does not adhere to the aforementioned, a member of staff may confiscate the watch and the inform parents.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not allowed to be carried by students in both the Pre-Prep and Prep Schools. If students urgently need to contact parents, they should gain permission from their teacher or tutor and then use the phone at reception. If parents need to contact students in an emergency, parents should ring reception and explain the situation.

Any phones brought in by students in the Prep School will be held at the Junior School Office until they are collected by a parent. If there is a need for any exception to this requirement, parents should discuss this with the Assistant Head of Prep School.

In the Senior School, students may have a mobile phone in school but are not allowed to use them until after school hours. There is a zero tolerance policy on use of phones in lessons, bathrooms, corridors and during break or during lunch time for all students.

Sixth Formers are permitted the use of a phone in the Sixth Form Common Room only. Sixth Formers should support staff in maintaining high standards and not have their phones, nor attached headphones or air pods, on show whilst in other areas of the school.

If a mobile phone is misused according to the above, the phone will be confiscated, and action taken as per the school behaviour policy. The phone is placed in the Head of Year office or reception to be collected at the end of the day by the student. For repeat offenders, parents are to be contacted and are required to pick up the phone from reception when convenient with the HOY/pastoral team informing parents and an escalation sanctioned. If the student refuses to hand the phone over, the school behaviour policy is to be followed and pastoral team to follow up if escalation is required

Headphones

Headphones may be used as a teaching tool to facilitate learning or as a classroom adjust support for select students which would be documented via their learning support plan. This is at the discretion of the teacher and headphones should only be used in lessons. Students are not permitted to wear or use headphones outside of the classroom, the exception to this is sixth form students who are allowed to use headphones in their study area only.

Naming of Clothes

It is particularly important that all uniform items are named so that lost property can be reunited with its owner quickly. Any lost property which is found should be placed in the lost property areas. Lost property that can be identified is returned to its owner.

Non-Uniform Days

At select times throughout the school year the option may be provided for students to not wear their school uniform, these are known as a 'non-uniform day'. This will be communicated, via the schools' official channel. During these days, students can still wear uniform if they so wish. For children to participate in non-school uniform days they must adhere to the guidelines around the non-uniform day/event as well as ensuring their clothing is respectful, culturally appropriate and adheres to the guidelines explained by the school. Failure to do so, may lead to a student being sent home from school to change their attire.

The school may also invite students to wear National Dress for specific occasions and events. If students wear national dress this should be complete and of formal attire.

PE Uniform

PE uniform should only be worn during designated and approved times and days. Students who wear PE kit outside of these days and times will be deemed to be not adhering to the school uniform policy.

Please see detailed information at the following links:

- [Pre-Prep](#)
- [Prep](#)
- [Senior](#)

Summary Table

	Pre-Prep	Prep School	Years 9 to 11
Must wear a hat	Yes	Yes	No
Black leather shoes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Socks to cover ankle	Yes	Yes	Yes
Skirt to cover knees	Yes	Yes	Yes
School bag: Satchel, backpack and games bag	Yes	Yes	Yes
Own bag: (blue or black)	No	No	Yes
Jewellery and makeup	No	No	Light, neutral
Hair tied up	Yes	Yes	No
Regular watch	Yes	Yes	Yes
Smart watch	No	No	Yes
Watch with photo, calling or video capability	No	No	No

Year 12 and 13

Boys:

- Dark two-piece suit
- Formal light-coloured shirt
- Tie – can be of a student's choosing, however, it must be appropriate
- Plain pull-over - must be over a shirt.
- National Dress may be worn by Emirati students. This must include the Ghutra and closed toe shoes.

Girls:

- Formal top and/or jumper, non-hooded – plain or subtle patterns, covered shoulders and of an appropriate cut
- Formal trousers or skirt (at or below the knee) and of an appropriate cut
- Plain tights
- flat or less than two-inch heeled shoes
- National Dress may be worn by Emirati students. This must include closed toe shoes.

- Blazers/suit jackets to be worn by all Sixth Formers for assemblies and formal events
- Sixth Form lanyard (with photo card)
- Formal, dark, polishable shoes

Failure to adhere to the uniform policy

Students are expected to always adhere to the uniform policy. As such, students who do not adhere to the policy will face consequences. The school reserves the right to refuse entry to students who persistently (i.e. after reasonable warning) refuse to follow the school uniform and dress codes.

The below table is an indication as to consequences for students who do not follow the uniform policy:

Instance	Consequence
First minor instance of incorrect uniform (shirt untucked, no blazer, no tie).	Incorrectly worn item: Verbal reminder to wear uniform correct (tuck shirt in, top button to be done up). Logged on CPOMS to make staff aware. Missing incorrect uniform item: Verbal discussion with a member of staff to try to ascertain the reasons behind the lack of/incorrectly worn uniform.
First major instance of incorrect uniform/3 rd instance of minor incorrect uniform (wearing PE kit when not permitted/wearing trainers/non-school top or trousers/skirt)	Contact made with parent(s) to discuss the uniform concerns with an understanding of next steps to ensuring that the student adheres to the uniform policy.
Second major instance of incorrect uniform/ongoing instances of minor incorrect uniform.	Meeting requested with parents to discuss concerns about adherence to the uniform policy. Level 2 letter issued as per the behaviour policy.
Further instances of not adhering to the school's uniform policy.	A further meeting will be required with parents present and a student, parent agreement will be put in place, along with a subsequent level 2 letter as per the school policy.
The Cranleigh Uniform is an integral part to school life at Cranleigh. As such, continual failure to adhere to the school policy can lead to the school taking action such as sending a student home or suspension.	

Support with Uniform

If your child has additional learning needs and/or medical needs and may not be able to adhere to the uniform policy, please contact your child's form tutor/class teacher to explain the situation and the school will do their best to support. Any agreed adjustments to the uniform will be recorded on the student's Learning Plan or Learning Passport, or on iSAMS by the form tutor/class teacher if it for medical reasons. Please be pro-active in this process to ensure that the school is aware and can make an informed decision on next steps.