

Cottenham Village College

Uniform guide for families and students

2024 - 2025



**COTTENHAM
VILLAGE COLLEGE**
Astrea Academy Trust
INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE

Introduction

At Cottenham Village College, we have high expectations of all our pupils and believe in rigorously and consistently enforcing traditional basic standards of uniform, presentation and respect. This, in turn, ensures we create a positive climate for learning in which every pupil can reach their full potential. Our College is a positive, calm, orderly and purposeful environment where pupils enjoy their learning, make good progress and feel safe.

We aim to support pupils in becoming responsible, independent and resilient individuals who have a range of knowledge and skills which will serve them well in their future lives. This booklet describes our uniform expectations and standards of dress policy.

Uniform and Presentation

At Cottenham Village College we have a rigorous and clear uniform policy which reflects the high expectations we have for our pupils. We believe that wearing our distinctive uniform gives our pupils a sense of 'belonging', helps foster pride in the College and communicates our high standards and expectations.

Our pupils are our ambassadors in the community. We therefore expect them to wear full College uniform when travelling to and from the College, at all College functions, on extra-curricular visits and when representing the school in sporting or other events.

Hair styles should not be extreme and have a natural colour/tone. Extreme 'cuts' of any shape or design are not acceptable. For safety reasons, pupils with long hair must have it tied back whilst participating in all practical lessons. Finally, nail varnish is not allowed for any pupil. For safety reasons, acrylic, gel or false nails are also not permitted.

The College reserves the right to remove school uniform items if the policy is not consistently followed.

Where can I purchase uniform?

Almost all items of our uniform are available from our online supplier, Sportswear International, via the school log-in page. You will need to register to create an account: www.swi.co.uk. A guide for parents can be downloaded [here](#). [SWI price list for Cottenham Village College is available here](#)

Delivery: items can be delivered via the school or to your home:

- Orders over £70 are sent to home free of charge
- Orders under £70 sent to a home address (or other specified) incur a £4.00 delivery charge.
- Orders sent to school are free of charge (for delivery into school orders must be placed by 5pm on Fridays for delivery into school on the following Tuesday and collection for parents is Wednesday).

Second Hand Uniform

We have a small selection of good quality second hand uniform available. Please contact Reception if you would like more information.

Uniform Donations

We encourage families to recycle good quality school uniform. If you have any clean unmarked good quality Cottenham Logo used uniform or trouser/skirt garments that you would like to donate, please send in a bag to student services.

Lost Property

All lost property clothing is kept in the admin area apart from PE lost property which is kept in the PE office. Pupils are welcome to visit the admin area and the PE office during break and lunch time to view the lost property items. Items that are named will automatically be returned to the pupils.

A reminder to parents: please ensure that all items are named.

My child is in year 7 – what do they need?

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with the owner's name.

Top half

- A navy-blue jacket with the College logo
- Optional: A navy-blue V-neck jumper with College logo
- Plain white school shirt/blouse (short or long sleeved)
- College clip on tie or traditional tie
- No hoodies
- All students must carry a CVC branded bag which is large enough to carry their books.

Bottom half

- Grey trousers, classic or slim leg
- Knee length grey tartan skirt – straight or pleated. Skirts should be no shorter than knee length, no longer than mid-calf/shin
- Knee length grey tailored shorts.

On your feet

- Plain black polishable shoes with a flat sole (trainers, pumps, canvas shoes, sports logos such as Converse or Nike, boots and blacked out trainers are not permitted)
- Plain black or dark grey socks or black/neutral tights. Socks must not be worn over tights.
- Please find below examples of appropriate school shoes.



- Please note that the following are not appropriate: boots, canvas shoes, pumps, trainers, or blacked out trainers. Examples of these are below:



Jewellery

- One pair of small studs, no hoops or multiple earrings in each ear
- No bracelets, necklaces, rings, nose studs
- All jewellery **must** be removed for PE.

School Equipment:

A pencil case to contain the following:

- At least 2 pens (black or blue)
- A green pen
- A pencil (if possible more than one)
- A rubber
- A highlighter (where possible a pack)
- A protractor
- A ruler
- A pair of compasses
- A scientific calculator with student name on

Useful equipment to have:

- Wired headphones that can be used in ICT rooms

My child is in year 8-11 – what do they need?

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with the owner's name

Top half

- A navy-blue jacket with the College logo
- Optional: A navy-blue V-neck jumper with College logo
- Plain white school shirt/blouse (short or long sleeved)
- College clip on tie or traditional tie
- No hoodies
- All students must carry a school bag large enough to carry an A4 folder.

Bottom half

- Grey trousers, classic or slim leg
- Knee length grey skirt – straight or pleated. Skirts should be no shorter than knee length, no longer than mid-calf/shin. This should not be fitted (the jersey stretchy material for skirts is not permitted)
- Grey tailored shorts are permitted which must in length be no longer than just below the knee or no shorter than in line with the knee (cargo, beach, casual, sport, chino, denim style are not permitted).

On your feet

- Plain black polishable shoes with a flat sole (trainers, pumps, canvas shoes, sports logos such as Converse or Nike, boots and blacked out trainers are not permitted)
- Plain black or dark grey socks or black/neutral tights. Socks must not be worn over tights.
- Please find below examples of appropriate school shoes.



- Please note that the following are not appropriate: boots, canvas shoes, pumps, trainers, or blacked out trainers. Examples of these are below:



Jewellery

- One pair of small studs, no hoops or multiple earrings in each ear
- No bracelets, necklaces, rings, nose studs
- All jewellery **must** be removed for PE.

School Equipment:

A pencil case to contain the following:

- At least 2 pens (black or blue)
- A green pen
- A pencil (if possible more than one)
- A rubber
- A highlighter (where possible a pack)
- A protractor
- A ruler
- A pair of compasses
- A scientific calculator with student name on

Useful equipment to have:

- Wired headphones that can be used in ICT rooms

What does my child need for Physical Education?

PE uniform is compulsory and should be ordered from our supplier. The following PE kit must be worn when participating in PE lessons:

- PE T-shirt (with CVC logo)
- navy blue 3/4 zip training top (with CVC logo)
- navy blue shorts or skort
- navy blue leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- navy blue football socks

- optional – rugby shirt
- optional – navy blue base layer
- optional extra: under armour

- appropriate footwear for the activity including training shoes suitable for indoor use and a second pair of trainers or boots for outdoor use; pumps are not suitable footwear
- shin pads to be worn when playing competitive games such as football and hockey (by law)
- a gum shield is necessary when playing hockey and rugby

For Dance in Years 9, 10 and 11:

- A black T-shirt
- Black leggings
- Dance socks/ shoes