



OPORTO BRITISH SCHOOL

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Uniform Policy

Dress Code and General Appearance

Our students are ambassadors of OBS and it is therefore essential that they convey the highest possible standards of behaviour and appearance. Students should ensure that they are in the correct uniform at all times, including the journey to and from school and when out of school for lunch.

- ✓ Students should present a clean and tidy appearance.
- ✓ Hair should be neat and tidy, and of neutral colour. No hair dye is allowed (including black and bright unnatural colours). No discernible shaved patterns are allowed.
- ✓ In Primary, long hair must be tied back.
- ✓ Unobtrusive, discreet make-up may be worn (Secondary only)
- ✓ No nail polish is allowed in Primary school. For Secondary students, nail varnish must be in muted or neutral colours. Untidy, scruffy nail polish is not allowed. Overlong nails are not allowed.
- ✓ Students may wear one set of small stud type earrings, a watch and (in Secondary only) a discreet bracelet.
- ✓ Students of a given faith may also wear a necklace denoting a religious symbol. All jewellery must be removed for PE and Games lessons.
- ✓ No body and/or facial piercing or tattoos are to be displayed during the school day.

The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to contact parents with a view to send students home breaches of the uniform/ appearance regulations, even once. All staff reserve the right to ask students to remove items they deem unsuitable/unsafe.

Uniform

All items of uniform must be purchased from Manzana Verde, the school's uniform provider, <https://manzana-verde.pt/en/my-account/?escola=obs>

All clothes must be named, clean, tidy and in a good state of repair.

There is a Summer Uniform, worn from September until Autumn Half Term and then again in the Summer Term, and a Winter Uniform, worn for the second half of the Autumn Term and the Spring Term.

Summer Uniform

- White polo shirt
- Mid-grey pinafore, skirt, skorts, shorts or trousers
- Black or navy-blue shoes or sandals (blue or black trainers will not be permitted)
- Grey or navy-blue socks

Winter Uniform

- School tie (from Form 1)
- Long sleeved white shirt (from Form 1)
- Long sleeved white polo shirt (Prep & Reception only)
- Mid-grey pinafore, skirt, skorts or trousers
- Navy blue school v necked sweater
- Black or navy-blue shoes or plain boots (in winter only)
- (blue or black trainers will not be permitted)
- Grey or navy-blue socks or tights

Pre-Prep students wear a long-sleeved polo and OBS hoodie as their uniform, and Pre-Prep girls should wear a grey dress.

If students need to wear a vest or T-shirt under the school shirt it must be plain white.

Coats should be navy blue or regulation red. Scarves and gloves should be blue, grey or black and worn to and from school only.

PE Uniform

OBS PE shorts or trousers

OBS PE T-shirt

OBS Grey Hoodie

IBDP students

IBDP students should set a positive example to all other students. At OBS we expect high standards to be set and maintained. Our appearance, therefore, should be in accord with our role, our position within the student body, the standing of the School and the expectation of our parents.

Whilst the IBDP Dress Code is not prescriptive, all IBDP students are expected to be smartly dressed, in line with what would be universally termed 'smart casual'. As a guide; collared shirts (including polo shirts) as opposed to collarless T shirts, non-faded jeans or chinos, and smart shoes or trainers of a uniform colour are required. Torn or excessively 'logo-ed' items of clothing are not. In essence, the overall look should unquestionably be describable as smart and appropriate for a job interview. Blouses, sweaters or tops must be long enough to cover the waistband.

IB Formal Dress: for formal occasions, a jacket, blazer or suit, with good quality trousers, a shirt and tie. A suit, dress or jacket with tailored trousers or skirt.

In line with the school's guiding statements and Equal Opportunities Policy, the OBS recognises a student's right to choose whether they adhere to the dress code for boys or for girls.

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