



DOWEN COLLEGE LAGOS

Our School Uniform Policy

1. This policy is for students and it applies to all staff, parents/guardians or anyone working on behalf of Dowen College Lagos.

2. Purpose

At Dowen College, we believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables students to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical, smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/guardians.

3. General Expectations:

- a. It is expected that the children wear the regular school uniform each day, with the appropriate footwear.
- b. School uniforms are purchased from the school uniform store.
- c. Students' names must be monogrammed on each uniform item.
- d. Ceremonial uniforms are to be worn by students during ceremonies such as the Founders Day, Valedictory Service, and Graduation Ceremony, church services, special outings, and also on the 1st Monday of each month.
- e. Lab coats and aprons should be worn by students during laboratory sessions.
- f. Students are expected to wear their sports attire for sports.
- g. Boarders are requested to report to school on resumption in their house wear
- h. Boarders are expected to put on their house wears in the hostel

5. The Students

- a. They will be required to wear their uniforms with pride as appropriate. The items are specified below:
- b. **Boys**
 1. *School Blazer*
 2. *Blazer-Ceremonial*
 3. *White short-sleeved white*
 4. *White long-sleeved white shirt*
 5. *Blue shirt*

6. *Blue Trousers*
7. *Grey Trousers-Ceremonial*
8. *School tie*
9. *School stockings*
10. *Sports short*
11. *Sportswear*
12. *School lab coat*
13. *School apron*

c. **Girls**

1. *School Blazer*
2. *Blazer-Ceremonial*
3. *White short-sleeved white*
4. *White long-sleeved white shirt*
5. *Blue shirt*
6. *Blue Skirt*
7. *Grey Skirt-Ceremonial*
8. *School tie*
9. *School stockings*
10. *Sports short*
11. *Sportswear*
12. *School lab coat*
13. *School apron*
14. *Boater*

d. Furthermore, **girls:**

- Must not use nail polish of any sort.

- Should not wear dangling earrings
- Skirts must be below the knee.
- **HAIRSTYLES- HAIRSTYLES SHOULD NOT MAKE A FASHION STATEMENT; ATTACHMENTS & GEL IS NOT ACCEPTABLE**
- Girls may wear one of the following styles; no other styles are allowed and SS 3 girls will conform to these styles (they have no extra hair privileges):
- “Shuku” (middle or back) without a front curve.
- Corn rows with no base (not less than 8 lines) neatly packed. Zig-zag styles are not permitted.

e. Furthermore, boys:

- Should have low hair-cuts (not more than a quarter of an inch):
- Are not allowed to groom facial hair.
- Weird haircut is not allowed.
- A black belt must be worn on the trousers.

f. **General:**

- Every student must have their finger nails cut short and well-trimmed.
- Only plastic or leather-strap wrist watches are permitted.
- No extra jewelry is allowed.
- No make-up is allowed.
- Acceptable school shoes are black leather lace-up shoes (not patent/ suede).
- **No religious attire is allowed.**

6. Rewards and Sanctions

a. Any contravention of the above stated may result in the following sanctions:

- i). if a student continues to wear the incorrect uniform after a verbal or written reminder, the school reserves the right to suspend the child until the correct uniform can be worn.
- ii). if a student arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern (e.g. unsuitable for the weather, too revealing, offensive/unsuitable slogans, during mufti day or

Saturday activity or any activity where the uniforms are not required, etc.), then the parents will be contacted, and the student sent home.

iii). Detention, working suspension, expulsion, or any other punishment deemed fit by the disciplinary committee/management for serious contraventions.

b) At the end of the session, the best-dressed student receives recognition and an award.

7. Monitoring

The policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances as approved by the Board of Governors:

- a. Changes in legislation and / or government guidance
- b. As a result of any other significant change or event.

Signed : Mrs. Adebisi Layiwola - Principal / Head of School Date: 30th Aug., 2021