

Dress Code in the USA and in the UK

Young **Americans**, like all young people around the world, wear casual clothes: jeans, sweatshirts and sneakers. In American public schools, students don't wear uniform, but in many schools there is a dress code: a student can't wear a T-shirt with something written on it.

But on special occasions, young people wear formal clothes.

At the end of their senior year, when students are in their last year in high school (they're about 17 years old), they go to the school prom.

Getting ready for the prom is a big thing! Girls buy or rent evening gowns and boys wear suits and ties and sometimes rent tuxedos. Teachers also go to the prom.

Everyone dances to the music of a DJ or to the school band.

Another big thing for 'seniors' is graduation day, the day when the students receive their diplomas. Boys and girls rent a black cap and a black gown for the ceremony. The principal and the best student give a speech. Then each graduate receives his or her diploma. Parents often film the ceremony, and in American homes you often see graduation pictures on the walls.

In most schools in **Britain**, public or private, pupils have to wear a uniform: generally a jumper (often a V-neck jumper), a shirt, pants or a skirt, black shoes and sometimes a tie for boys and girls.

In some schools, the uniform is more casual: a shirt, a sweatshirt, and black pants or skirts. Pupils have to wear shoes, they can't wear trainers, hats, caps or hooded sweatshirts. Girls can't wear long earrings.