

# Uniform



# Uniform and Property

Students must follow the requirements set out below and maintain a good standard of appearance. Uniform should be worn smartly to and from School, including after Games and Activities.

## Girls' Uniform (Years 7–11)

- Blazer\*** Navy blue with the School crest embroidered on the lapel  
**Skirt\*** BGS Tartan, Kilt style, worn at knee length  
**Blouse\*** Blue needlestripe, long, short or  $\frac{3}{4}$ -length sleeved fitted blouse with revers  
**Tights** Plain navy blue or black  
**Socks** Plain grey, navy blue, black or white. Socks must show above the level of the shoe  
**Shoes** Black, sensible and low-heeled, with a rigid sole (ie not soft 'ballet shoe' style). The heel should be no more than 3cm high measured from the inside, and combined platform and heel should be no more than 5cm measured from the outside (trainers and boots are not permitted). Shoes must provide adequate protection to the whole foot, including the bridge of the foot.

### Optional Items

- Trousers** Plain charcoal  
**Camisole** White and it must not show above the revers of the blouse.

## Boys' Uniform (Years 7-11)

- Blazer\*** Navy blue with School crest embroidered on the top pocket  
**Trousers** Plain charcoal  
**Shirt\*** Blue needlestripe, long or short-sleeved. The shirt must be worn tucked inside the trouser waistband and with a tie. A plain white undergarment may be worn underneath  
**Socks** Plain grey, navy blue or black  
**Shoes** Black (trainers and boots are not permitted). Shoes must provide adequate protection to the whole foot, including the bridge of the foot  
**Tie** School tie with the stripe in the appropriate House colour.

### Additional Items for girls and boys

- Coat** Plain coat colours only will be allowed. No denim or logos are permitted. Outer coats should not normally be worn in or around the School  
**Jumper\*** Plain navy, v-necked with School crest embroidered on upper left side (*optional*)  
**Scarf** Plain colour – other scarves are not permitted. Scarves may be worn only to and from School. (*optional*)

## Games Kit

### Girls

- White BGS polo shirt\*  
Navy blue BGS gym shorts\*  
White socks  
Clean indoor training shoes  
Maroon BGS polo shirt\*  
Navy blue BGS 'skort'\*  
1 pair hockey socks (plain maroon)  
1 pair training shoes for outside use  
BGS tracksuit- soft shell jacket and training pants\*  
Shin pads and mouthguard  
BGS mid-layer\* (*optional*)  
BGS waterproof tracksuit top\* (*optional*)  
BGS fitness leggings\* (*optional*)  
BGS running shorts\* (*optional*)  
BGS long-sleeved thermal\* (*optional*).

### Boys

- White BGS polo shirt\*  
Navy blue BGS gym shorts\*  
White socks  
Clean indoor training shoes  
Reversible BGS games shirt\*  
Navy BGS rugby shorts\*  
1 pair rugby/hockey socks (plain maroon)  
1 pair rugby/football boots  
BGS tracksuit- soft shell jacket and bottoms\*  
Shin pads and mouthguard  
BGS mid-layer\* (*optional*)  
BGS waterproof tracksuit top\* (*optional*)  
BGS long-sleeved thermal\* (*optional*).  
Cricket whites (only required for team members).

## Top tip:

Order School uniform and mouthguard as soon as you can, as some sizes run out early.

### Additional rules for boys and girls

- Earrings are not allowed, but if ears have been pierced one pair of small studs may be worn
- Nose rings or other facial jewellery are not allowed
- Students in Year 11 and above may wear subtle make-up in natural colours. The Head of House or Form Tutor will tell students whose make-up is excessive to visit the School Nurse for its removal.
- Nail varnish, lipstick and eye shadow are not allowed for any students
- Hair should be clean and tidy with no extremes of style or colour. Hair must not be cut with anything less than a 'grade 2'
- Excessive hair gel is not permitted
- Necklaces, rings, bangles and bracelets are not permitted.

### Other equipment

Students will need basic stationery including pen, pencil, pencil sharpener, glue stick, scissors, ruler and eraser for all lessons. Certain lessons have additional requirements:

- 30cm ruler marked in cm and mm
- Protractor
- Pair of compasses
- Calculator (Casio models such as FX83 GT PLUS or FX85 GT PLUS)
- Set of twelve coloured pencil crayons (felt-tip pens are not permitted)
- A fully charged iPad – once your child has received one from the School
- A purple pen

Textbooks and specialised equipment will be issued on loan. Students will be required to pay for any loss or damage to School property.

### Padlocks

All children should bring in a combination padlock for their locker on the first day of term. Please ensure that your child notes down the combination and also shares this with the Form Tutor for safekeeping.

### Mouthguards in sport

No student will be allowed to participate in contact sports unless they are wearing a mouthguard and it is therefore essential that all new students arrive in September with one. It is preferable that the mouthguard be made to a specific standard by a dental surgeon. Most of the 'self-mouldable' types do not meet the minimum standard recommended, and do not hold the 'CE' mark of approval. Substandard mouthguards not only fail to provide the protection needed: they are potentially dangerous as they can easily be dislodged and inhaled. If a student already has a mouthguard, parents should check that it fits. A child's growth, or a change such as the use of a brace, can affect the fitting and effectiveness of a mouthguard.

### Valuables

Students are discouraged from bringing valuable items to School. Necessary valuables such as money for bus fares, bus passes and watches should be kept on the

person at all times except during PE and Games, where this is not possible (see below).

### Valuables during PE and Games

Valuables should be handed in at the start of a PE or Games lessons to be stored in the valuables box. It is the student's responsibility to collect the valuables from the duty member of staff at the end of the session. Valuables should never be left in bags or coat pockets in the changing rooms.

### Lost Property

The Student Helpdesk Administrator sorts and records all items of lost property that are handed in. Students are e-mailed and asked to collect named property from the House boxes, which are located outside the Student Helpdesk.

Reports of unnamed items are logged and regularly checked against incoming unnamed items. When matches are found students and parents are e-mailed to advise them that an unnamed item has been located and is being held at the Student Helpdesk. Unclaimed unnamed items are held for one half-term. Items not collected at this point are either sent to the School's Second-hand Uniform Shop or to charity. Please ensure that all your child's items are clearly named.

## Uniform supplier

The School's official supplier of School uniform and Games kit is Schoolblazer, 0333 700 0703, [www.schoolblazer.com](http://www.schoolblazer.com).

\* denotes items to be purchased from Schoolblazer.

BGS has a Uniform Shop that sells good-quality second-hand uniform.



## Guidance regarding dress associated with religious observance

Students must have due regard for how the clothes they wear affect:

- the health and safety requirements of different areas of the School: for example, long hair must be tied back and items such as a crucifix on a long chain must not be worn in Science laboratories, DT workshops, in Home Economic kitchens or when participating in Games and PE
- security requirements: individual students must be identifiable in order to maintain good order and so we may easily detect intruders: a hooded top, for example, may never be worn except as part of the Games kit
- teaching and learning: a student's face must remain unobscured so that a teacher can judge their engagement with learning and secure their participation in discussions and practical activities. Hence a niqab, for example, may not be worn.

In line with their religious observance students may wear a headscarf, skullcap or turban (including rumal, patka, dupatta or chunni). Rastafarians will never be asked to wear borrowed clothing. The modesty of dress in religions such as Judaism, Islam and Plymouth Brethren will always be respected.

A Sikh student who has gone through the Amrit Pahul ceremony may wear a kirpan provided this is clearly ceremonial and not displayed openly, sewn into the sheath so that it cannot be drawn, and worn under clothing to ensure the highest possible safety at all times. Before a kirpan is worn the parents of the student, and the student, must sign a form available from the School Office on which they agree that it will not be shown in School. The form gives a waiver of indemnity against claims for negligence arising out of simply wearing their kirpan. This will apply only if the kirpan is intentionally misused by the wearer.

If a student and his/her parents would like permission for particular garments or objects to be worn for PE and Games to conform with their religious or cultural traditions, the request should be made in writing to the Director of Sport. Permission will be granted only provided the student can still participate safely. No items of jewellery are permitted.

## Students' property

Every article of clothing, including shoes, trainers and Games kit, should be clearly and indelibly marked with the student's name. This ensures that if anything is lost and subsequently found it can easily be returned. Schoolblazer offers pre-labeling as standard on the uniform that they provide. The student's name, or initials, should also be indelibly marked on personal property, such as watch, calculator, pencil case, etc. All mobile telephones should be security-marked inside the cover with your house number and postcode. Please also keep a record of the SIM card number.

Students are responsible for the security and safe use of all their personal property including money, mobile telephones, watches, calculators, computers, musical instruments and sports equipment, and for property lent to them by the School. We may be able to assist in the temporary storage of valuables, including lost property, if required, but will not accept responsibility for loss or damage to valuables in circumstances outside the School's reasonable control.

