

# Dress code and property

Members of the Sixth Form are expected to maintain a good standard of appearance and to observe these requirements, not only in and around the School but also when coming to or leaving the School, and when leaving the site during the day.

BGS expects Sixth-form students to dress as if they are attending a professional or business interview; smartly wearing a suit sets a professional tone of pride and self-confidence. Our expectations are clearly laid out:

## Girls

- A plain, thin-striped or small-checked suit with matching jacket and skirt or matching jacket and trousers, in mid-to-dark grey, dark brown, blue, or black (Skirts should be knee-length. Slits are inappropriate. Trousers must be tailored in a style consistent with the 'professional' image of the dress requirements)
- A plain, fine-striped or small-checked blouse with collar and sleeves. Low necklines and layering are not acceptable (Fitted shirts must be long enough to cover the waistband of the skirt or trousers. Longer shirts must be worn inside the waistband of the skirt or trousers)
- Shoes, single colour, dark brown or black, with a sensible heel. Not boots or trainers. Shoes must provide protection to whole foot, and protect adequately from falling objects including chemicals
- A plain V-neck jumper, cardigan or waistcoat (as part of the suit) may be worn in addition to the jacket.

## Boys

- A plain, thin-striped or small-checked suit, in a shade of mid-to-dark grey, dark brown, blue, or black, with collar and lapels
- A plain, fine-striped or small-checked shirt with collar, fully buttoned (shirts must be worn inside the waistband of the trousers)
- Ties: all male students wear the Sixth Form tie (this can be purchased online from the School suppliers, Schoolblazer). Alternatively, School Colours ties and Prefect ties may be worn. County Colours/representative ties may be worn only on the days that a student will participate in the relevant activity and only if still current. An academic award tie, such as an Arkwright Scholar tie, may also be worn
- Shoes, in a single colour, dark brown or black, with a sensible heel. Not boots or trainers. Shoes must provide protection to the bridge of the foot as well as to the sole, and protect adequately from falling objects including chemicals
- A plain V-neck jumper or waistcoat (as part of the suit) may be worn in addition to the jacket, if required.

## Games Kit Girls

- Navy blue BGS 'skort'\*
- White OR maroon BGS polo shirt\*
- Plain maroon hockey socks
- Plain white socks for Sports Hall games
- Shin pads and mouthguard
- BGS tracksuit – soft shell jacket and training pants\*
- BGS waterproof tracksuit top\* (*optional*)
- BGS fitness leggings\* (*optional*)
- BGS running shorts\* (*optional*)
- BGS long-sleeved thermal\* (*optional*)
- BGS mid-layer\* (*optional*)

## Boys

- Navy BGS shorts (either gym or Rugby)\*
- White BGS polo shirt OR reversible BGS games shirt\*
- Plain maroon Rugby/football socks
- Plain white socks for Sports Hall games
- BGS tracksuit – soft shell jacket and bottoms\*
- Shin pads and mouthguard
- BGS waterproof tracksuit top\* (*optional*)
- BGS long-sleeved thermal\* (*optional*)
- BGS mid-layer\* (*optional*)

\*denotes items to be purchased from Schoolblazer.

## Additional dress code rules for boys and girls

- Informal or flamboyant styles and colours are not acceptable. This includes jeans, any denim items, tee-shirts and other items of casual wear, as well as extremes of hair fashion.
- Jewellery may be worn, but not to excess. Body piercing, other than earrings and one discreet nose stud (unless this contravenes a Department's health and safety risk assessments), is unacceptable.
- Large hoops and long pendant earrings are not allowed.
- Sixth-formers 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.
- 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
- Scarves may be worn only to and from School and should not be seen in lessons.

Dress is a personal responsibility, but Form Tutors will advise those who fail to observe these guidelines; persistent offenders will be referred to the Mr Harford, or Mrs Kent. The matter may then be raised with parents or the Headmaster. Repeated failure to comply with these requirements may lead to a student being sent home.

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

## Games kit

All students must bring a towel in order to shower after Games. For safety reasons, aerosols are not to be used in School or at Failand. Suits should be worn smartly to and from School, including after Games and Activities, unless the School tracksuit is worn instead.

Students participating in Sports Hall/indoor games may choose not to purchase the School tracksuit. BGS 'Tour' or BGS representative sweatshirt/tracksuits will be acceptable.

## Mouthguards in sport

No student will be allowed to participate in contact sports unless they are wearing a mouthguard. 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.

## Other equipment Calculators

If students are studying Mathematics in the Sixth Form, we strongly recommend that they purchase one of the following calculators:

### CASIO FX-991EX (ClassWiz):

This is the latest advanced scientific calculator and is particularly suitable for the 'A' level courses, but not for IB. It offers a wide range of numerical, calculation and statistics functions and a high-resolution display with a fast processor and large memory. It is also the first scientific calculator with spreadsheet functionality. Results and graphs can be viewed on smartphones or tablets using QR codes.

### CASIO FX-CG50:

This is Casio's most advanced graphic calculator; it uses the latest display technology with a full-colour, high-resolution backlit screen. It has natural textbook display, innovative picture plot function enabling analysis of images and video, plus an extensive range of functions including dynamic graphs, geometry, spreadsheet and e-Activity. This calculator is suitable for students who are taking 'A' levels or the IB.



## Student top tip:

"Make sure you look smart and feel comfortable. Buy a spare jacket and a few shirts."