

## SCHOOL UNIFORM - INTRODUCTION

It is considered important that high standards of dress, personal hygiene and grooming are maintained by all at The Blue. All students in the school are expected to follow the uniform code as it gives a sense of unity and purpose. Students should always wear uniform in a smart manner with the aim of creating a positive impression of themselves and the school.

School Uniform is compulsory for all students in Years 7-11. Full uniform must be worn at all times during the school day in the correct and appropriate manner. In making a decision about what constitutes acceptable uniform and appearance, the decision of the school is final.

From September 2018 the new Blue School uniform will be worn by the 2018/19 year 7 students. All pupils are welcome to transition to the new uniform from this date should they wish.

However, in order to ensure that parents can maintain use of existing uniform that the students are wearing, the new uniform will be phased in as follows:

2018/19 Year 7: from September 2018

2018/19 Year 8: from September 2019 (or earlier if they wish)

2018/19 Year 9: from September 2019 (or earlier if they wish)

2018/19 Years 10 & 11: will continue to be able to wear the current uniform until they complete Year 11 but are welcome to transition to the new uniform should they wish.

It is therefore accepted that there will be a mixture of uniforms during this time as part of the necessary transition. Care should be taken to identify the uniform requirements corresponding to student year group. Full details of permitted uniform by year-group are found below.

The Blue School is in contact with a charity that will take any unwanted uniform that can then be recycled and reused.

To allow staff to enforce the uniform code, students who arrive at school in non-uniform and/or unsuitable footwear must anticipate consequences which may include: being given replacement uniform and/or shoes, being isolated or, being sent home to change. This may also apply if the uniform is altered or incorrectly worn.

General advice:

- The jumper, tie, sweatshirt and polo shirt can be purchased directly from Identity Kits of 23 Broad Street, Wells, Somerset, BA5 2DJ, tel: 01749 670000. ([www.identitykits.co.uk](http://www.identitykits.co.uk)).
- The new uniform skirts, trousers and shirts must be from the approved uniform list which includes Identity Kits and some other suppliers.
- The approved uniform list can be found on the school's website in the Parents/Carers section.
- The approved uniform list will be updated regularly as suppliers change their styles. Please ensure you consult the most up to date list before purchasing new uniform.
- It is advised to buy or place orders for new uniform as early as possible to ensure you can get everything needed for the start of the new academic year.
- All uniform should be named to allow it to be returned to the student if lost. If it is not named or reclaimed it will be given to charity.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM - YEARS 7 TO 11

### Year 7 (Optional for other year groups)

Trousers/pleated skirt	Grey, from the approved list. Skirts must not be rolled up or shortened, and must sit below, on or just above the knee when worn.
Shirt	Plain light blue, short or long sleeved. Regular collar, buttoned up to the neck, tucked in. See items on approved list for reference.
Tie	With the correct year group stripe. The wider end of the tie should be worn close to the waist.
Jumper	Navy blue with embroidered logo. This should not be tucked into the trousers or skirt.
Shoes	Plain, black, polishable leather or simulated leather of a sensible design. Plain, dark laces. See approved images and footwear section of the policy.
Socks or tights	Socks must be grey or black. Socks should be below the knee if worn with the pleated skirt. Tights must be grey, patternless. Footless tights are not permitted. No leggings.

### Years 8 & 9 (until July 2019); Years 10 & 11

Trousers	Black, school style, regular or slim fit. It is not permitted to wear trousers that are skin tight/skinny or contain fashion zips, studs, large buttons or raised seams. Trousers must not look like leggings or jeans.
Skirt	Black, straight or pleated, of a modest length appropriate for a school environment. Skirts should sit just above or below the knee when worn. Tight fitting skirts or skirts made from lycra or similar stretch materials are not appropriate. Skirts must remain at a modest length whilst seated or going up and down stairs.
Polo shirt	Navy blue with year colour bar and school logo.
Sweatshirt	Navy blue with year colour bar and school logo. This should not be tucked into the trousers or skirt.
Shoes	Plain, black, polishable leather or simulated leather of a sensible design. Plain, dark laces. See approved images and footwear section of the policy.
Socks or tights	Socks must be grey or black. Socks should be below the knee if worn with a skirt. Tights must be black, patternless. Footless tights are not permitted. No leggings.

Students in Years 8-11 may choose to wear the new uniform including the approved grey trousers and skirt earlier than September 2019. If transitioning to the top half, it must include all elements of the new uniform i.e. shirt, tie and jumper.

If students in Years 8-11 need to replace skirts/trousers only, they may choose either grey or black. We will accept this mixture of old and new uniform during the 2018/19 academic year.

From September 2019, Years 7-10 must all wear the new uniform. In 2019/20, Year 11 may continue to wear the uniform including sweatshirts and polo shirts, as detailed above.

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### Boys' Indoor and Summer Activities

Polo Shirt	White
Shorts	White
Socks	White ankle

### Boys' Outdoor Autumn/Spring activities

Shirt	Soccer/rugby, reversible blue/royal and amber stripe
Shorts	Royal blue
Socks	Royal blue
Base layer (optional)	Long sleeved, plain white

**Girls (required):**

Polo shirt	White, open collar
Shorts/skort	Navy shadow stripe
Socks	White and/or blue

**Girls (optional):**

Track suit	Navy
Games skort	Navy
Sweatshirt	Navy
Base layer	Long sleeved, plain white

Football boots and trainers (not fashion shoes or daps) should be provided for both boys and girls. The purchase of shin pads and gum shields for certain contact sports is also necessary.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Coats, Hoodies and Jackets**

- Coats should be plain and waterproof. Students who cycle or walk to school are strongly encouraged to wear high visibility jackets/bands, especially during the shorter days and darker nights.
- Coats should only be worn in the winter or during wet/cold days. They are not a substitute for the school jumper or sweatshirt.
- Coats should not be worn inside the school buildings.
- Hoodies and fashion jackets (including denim, leather or imitation leather jackets) must not be worn. Students who arrive at school in these garments will have them confiscated for the duration of the day.
- Students are not to wear coats with large badges or logos on them (except The Blue School).

**Footwear**

- Please see the examples of acceptable shoes on the school website.
- Trainers, fashion shoes (including Vans, DCs and Converse), shoes with a white or coloured band round the sole and plimsolls are not to be worn with the school uniform.
- Boots are not acceptable except as mentioned in the extreme weather regulations.

**Hair**

- Hair should be kept neat and tidy, of natural style and avoiding the extremes of fashion, such as highlights, unnatural colours, braiding and cut/shaved patterns. Long hair must be tied back in practical lessons. Students who colour the ends of their hair, or have coloured streaks in it, must anticipate being sent home to wash it out or dye it an appropriate colour. They will then be expected to return to school.

**Makeup and Nail Varnish**

- Make up is not permitted in Years 7-9. Discreet use of makeup that is not visible is allowed in Years 10-11.
- Nail varnish is not permitted in Years 7-11. Acrylic nails or any extensions are also not permitted. Students who come to school in acrylic nails must anticipate being isolated and/or sent home from school.

**Piercings and Jewellery**

- No facial piercings or hoop/drop earrings are permitted. (For pierced ears: one small stud or sleeper may be worn in each ear). Students will be asked to remove any unacceptable jewellery even if the piercing is new. To avoid potential conflict such piercings should be arranged for the start of holiday times so that the wearing of studs will not be required during school time. Students who do not comply with the piercing regulations must anticipate being isolated and/or sent home from school.
- For health and safety reasons no other jewellery, including bracelets and bands, is to be worn. Failure to follow this code will lead to items being confiscated, and/or the student being sent home from school.

**Outgrown Uniform**

- If your son or daughter has outgrown their uniform, (including skirts and trousers) and it is in good condition, we ask that you consider donating this to the school. This will enable us to lend uniform to students who are dressed inappropriately or need support with uniform issues.

**Uniform Vouchers**

- For students who are eligible for Free School Meals, additional assistance will continue to be available from The Blue School Governors in the form of a voucher. This will be automatically sent to new students joining the school. If assistance is needed

to purchase the new uniform for current students, an application for an additional uniform voucher should be completed. Application forms are available in reception and on the school website (Parents/Carers section, School Uniform).

#### **Winter and Summer; extreme weather regulations:**

- Winter: During periods of excessively cold weather/temperatures students may wear a plain white tee-shirt or vest underneath their regular shirt or polo shirt. In snowy/icy conditions students may wear suitable/appropriate shoes/boots to school.
- Summer: During periods of excessively warm weather/temperatures the school may temporarily suspend the necessity to wear a jumper, sweatshirt and a tie for school. Students and parents will be informed if this is the case.

Badges and colours may be worn when they have been awarded for an achievement at the School. No other badges may be worn without permission.

From time to time certain garments, or other accessories, become fashionable. The school reserves the right to ban these where they are considered unsuitable.

Any requests for exceptions to these rules on an individual basis must be discussed with the Pastoral Team Leader.

#### **YEAR COLOURS FOR 2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Year 7	Red
Year 8	Silver (White if old style uniform)
Year 9	Purple
Year 10	Gold
Year 11	Green

#### **YEAR COLOURS FOR 2019/20 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Year 7	Green
Year 8	Red
Year 9	Silver
Year 10	Purple
Year 11	Gold

#### **SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE**

We believe our Sixth Formers serve as role models for younger students and should set standards in their dress and appearance that are appropriate for a school and which reflect a positive attitude to study. Students' dress and appearance should meet the accepted requirements of a place of work and study and not those which are more suitable for a casual social environment. The following points should be noted.

General:

- Dress should be clean and tidy at all times.
- Irregular hairstyles are not permitted. Students who are in doubt as to the acceptability of a certain style should check beforehand.
- Jewellery may be worn, but should be suitable for a working environment. Plain nose studs are permitted.

Specific:

- Hats and/or hoods must not be worn inside the school building.
- Only plain shorts are allowed.
- Garments which are excessively revealing or immodest are not allowed.

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