

## UNIFORM POLICY

### Background

At Birkenhead High School Academy, we set high expectations for all our students. We expect them to come to school wearing the correct uniform and looking smart and tidy at all times.

### Principles

We feel it is important that all students should be properly dressed enabling a sense of pride and self-esteem as well as being a credit to Birkenhead High School Academy. We also wish to remain accessible and inclusive to all our families.

- Correct school uniform is to be worn throughout the day and on the journey to & from school
- No make-up or nail varnish may be worn with school uniform
- Hair dye of any colour is not acceptable in school
- In Senior School, hair should be tied back in a neat ponytail or down straight
- In Junior School, hair should be tied back, neatly, at all times. Hair accessories should be black/white (in winter) or pink/white (in summer) and unobtrusive.
- No jewellery is permitted other than stated below:
  - In Senior School: a watch and one pair of small, plain ear studs are permitted in the bottom lobe of the ears. **We do not accept any other studs higher up in the lobes of the ears or body piercings.**
  - In Junior School: a watch is permitted, but no other jewellery. **No earrings are permitted in Junior School at any time.**

### Practice

The School Outfitters are:       **Wirral Uniform Centre,**  
**Trinity with Palm Grove Church**  
**Alton Road, Prenton**

Opening Times:                    Tuesday & Thursday 3pm-5pm during term time (extended hours apply during the holidays; see website for details  
<https://www.bhsauniforms.com/>

Booked appointment sessions are available in the summer holidays. Online ordering is also available with options of collection or delivery (for a small charge)

Parents and carers are signposted to Wirral FUSS & FUPS for good-quality second-hand items of uniform. Tubs are located in both Junior & Senior School entrance receptions for donations to be handed in.

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### Junior School

#### WINTER UNIFORM

**Nursery:** Plain black leggings  
(or optional jogging bottoms for colder weather/plain black shorts for warmer weather)  
Plain black t-shirt  
Medium grey, plain v-neck cardigan (or pullover), classic style (**with** BHSA logo)  
**Plain black** winter coat (or optional BHSA waterproof coat – **must be black only**)  
Black socks  
Black school shoes (with Velcro fastening and **not** PE pumps)  
BHSA book bag (up to Year 1)

**Reception:** **Plain black** waterproof coat (school coat optional; otherwise **must be plain black only**)  
If worn, scarves to be school (optional) or black and/or white  
School dress, as supplied by the school shop: 'Junior Flower Button Pinafore'  
(or black flared tunic - to be phased out)  
[Students have the option of wearing plain black school trousers, white shirt and tie]  
White polo shirt (logo optional)  
Black shoes with Velcro fastening  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  length black socks or black tights  
Medium grey, plain v-neck pullover or cardigan, classic style (logo optional)  
BHSA book bag (up to Year 1)  
*Optional red waterproof*  
*Optional painting overall*

**Years 1-6:** **Plain black** waterproof coat (school coat optional; otherwise **must be plain black only**)  
School blazer (compulsory from Year 3 upwards, optional for KS1)  
*If worn, scarves to be school (optional) or black and/or white*  
School dress, as supplied by the school shop: 'Junior Flower Button Pinafore'  
(or black flared tunic - to be phased out)  
Students also have the option of wearing plain black school trousers, white shirt and tie  
White blouse worn **with** school tie  
Medium grey, plain v-neck pullover or cardigan, classic style (logo optional)  
Flat, black shoes, laced or bar only (no casual, slip-on styles, no flashing lights or tags)  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  length black socks or black tights  
BHSA book bag for Year 1  
BHSA small Junior bag from Year 2 upwards (optional satchel available)  
*Optional red waterproof*  
*Optional painting overall*

#### SUMMER UNIFORM

**Nur to Year 6:** Pink striped summer dress  
[Students have the option of wearing plain black school trousers, white shirt and tie]  
Medium grey, plain v-neck pullover or cardigan, classic style (logo optional)  
White ankle socks (no frills) or white plain  $\frac{3}{4}$  length socks  
Flat, black shoes, laced or bar only (no casual, slip-on styles, no flashing lights or tags) (in Nursery and Reception, a Velcro fastening)  
School blazer (compulsory from Year 3 upwards, optional for lower years)

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*Optional red waterproof*

### P.E. UNIFORM

#### Reception, Year 1 and Year 2:

Black and white ¼ zip sweat top (**with** BHSA logo)  
Plain black round neck t-shirt (optional BHSA logo)  
Plain black jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts (non branded)  
or black tracksuit bottoms with BHSA logo (not compulsory)  
Trainers (*Velcro fastening if possible for Reception/Year 1*)

#### Years 3 and 4:

Black and white ¼ zip sweat top (**with** BHSA logo)  
Plain black round neck t-shirt (optional BHSA logo)  
Plain black jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts (non branded)  
or black tracksuit bottoms with BHSA logo (not compulsory)  
School black and blue hockey socks (as seniors)  
White short socks  
Trainers  
Shin pads  
Gum guard – Opro or Shock Doctor makes only or from your dentist  
Black swimming hat  
Plain black swimming costume  
Optional black woolly hat with school badge (or plain black hat)

**Years 5 and 6:** As Years 3 & 4, however pupils can wear items from the Senior School PE kit,  
inc. the black skort

## Senior School Uniform List

### YEAR 7 to YEAR 11

<b>Blazer</b>	Black girls' blazer with BHSA logo as supplied by Wirral Uniform Centre
<b>Coat</b>	Plain black coat
<b>Scarf</b>	(Optional) black & white official school scarf available from Wirral Uniform Centre or plain black. No other scarf may be worn.
<b>Hijab</b>	If a hijab is worn, it must be plain black
<b>Hair accessories</b>	Hair fastenings should be black or white only. Hairbands should be narrow and plain black or white. Narrow black or white ribbons are also acceptable. Long hair must be tied back where safety requires.
<b>Skirt</b>	Back pleated official school skirt as supplied by Wirral Uniform Centre. Only official style may be worn.
<b>Trousers (optional)</b>	Black straight leg official school trousers as supplied by Wirral Uniform Centre. Only the official style may be worn.
<b>Blouse</b>	White official rever collar school blouse from Wirral Uniform Centre



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<b>Jumper</b>	Black official school v-neck jumper as supplied by Wirral Uniform Centre
<b>Shoes</b>	<u>Plain</u> , flat black school shoes (e.g. no bows) Black pumps (e.g. Converse) are not permitted
<b>Boots</b>	Black boots may be worn to school in very cold weather. (No UGG boots or similar). These may <u>not</u> be worn indoors, but should be changed for shoes.
<b>Socks or tights</b>	Opaque, black tights or ankle socks, black shoes (no bows on socks)
<b>Bag</b>	Rucksack with school logo as supplied by Wirral Uniform Centre

## Senior School Games & P.E. Kit

### ALL KIT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE WIRRAL UNIFORM CENTRE

#### All items are compulsory unless stated:

<b>Sports t shirt</b>	Black round neck t shirt with BHSA logo
<b>Sweat top</b>	Black ¼ zip with BHSA logo
<b>Tracksuit bottoms</b>	Black tracksuit bottoms with BHSA logo (optional)
<b>Leggings</b>	Black Akoa leggings (optional)
<b>PE skort</b>	Black skort (optional)
<b>PE shorts</b>	Black football/games style shorts or black 2 in 1 shorts (optional)
<b>Hockey socks</b>	Black with blue turnover
<b>Games socks</b>	White, ankle length
<b>Training shoes</b>	Cushioned soles (not leisure shoes such as Converse)
<b>Astro-turf shoes</b>	Essential – any sports outfitters
<b>Gum shield</b>	Mouthguards are advisable (and compulsory for matches)
<b>Swimming costume</b>	One piece, any colour
<b>Swimming towel</b>	Bath sheet size
<b>Black sports bag</b>	Suitable for sports kit/swimming kit. <b>Must be able to fit in school locker</b>
<b>Shinpads</b>	With ankle protectors

**All items, with the exception of socks, should be clearly labelled with the student's name.**

**Pupils can choose between some items but must purchase either tracksuit bottoms/leggings and then either the skort/shorts.**

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### Sixth Form Dress Code

<b>Blazer/cardigan/jumper</b>	This can be in any colour
<b>Top</b>	This can be any colour/pattern/style, providing it is not too low cut, made of sheer fabric or carrying an offensive slogan/image. Crop tops are not allowed.
<b>Trousers</b>	These can be any colour/pattern but should be smart. <b>Blue denim is not allowed. Ripped jeans are also not allowed.</b>
<b>Skirt</b>	This can be any colour/pattern
<b>Dress</b>	This can be any colour/pattern
<b>Shoes</b>	Appropriate footwear should be worn. Trainers are not allowed.
<b>Hair, make-up &amp; piercings</b>	Make-up should be minimal/natural and hair colour should not be overly vibrant. Facial piercings are allowed but should be minimal (studs)
<b>Tattoos</b>	Tattoos must be kept covered up at all times
<b>Formal occasions</b>	A blazer and shirt with skirt/trousers should be worn at formal occasions e.g. open evenings, prizegiving etc.

### Roles & Responsibilities

- **Vice Principal & Head of Junior School** - to monitor and review the uniform and uniform policy annually, ensuring that the uniform is of good quality whilst remaining affordable
- **Class teachers, form tutors & progress leaders** – to monitor uniform on a daily basis
- **All staff** – to be proactive and challenge students not following the uniform rules