

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:**
- Black tracksuit trousers
 - White polo shirt (logo optional)
 - Light blue sweat top or cardigan (logo optional)
 - Plain black** winter coat (BHSA waterproof coat optional – **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: black flared tunic or new style school dress [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)
 - old-style braided blazer phased out
 - If worn, scarves to be school (optional) or black and/or white
 - School dress, as supplied by the school shop: black flared tunic or new style school dress [Students have the option of wearing plain black school trousers, white shirt and tie]
 - White long-sleeved 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
 - Optional red waterproof
 - Optional painting overall
 - BHSA book bag for Year 1
 - BHSA small junior bag from Year 2 upwards (optional satchel available)

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)
 - Optional red waterproof



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P.E. UNIFORM

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2:

Blue polo shirt (logo optional)
Blue sweat top (logo optional) – round neck
Black shorts
Black jogging bottoms/leggings
Trainers (*Velcro fastening if possible for Reception/Year 1*)

Years 3 to 6: Blue sweat top (round neck) with or without hood
Blue Aertex-type PE top (logo optional)
Black jogging bottoms
Black shorts
School hockey socks (as seniors)
White short socks
Trainers
Shin pads
Gum guard – Opro or Shock Doctor makes only or from your dentist
BHSa swimming hat
Plain black swimming costume
Optional black woolly hat with school badge (or plain black)

Years 5&6: 'skort' (combined skirt & shorts)

Senior School Uniform List

YEAR 7 to YEAR 11

Blazer*	Black girls' blazer as supplied by Wirral Uniform Centre
Coat*	Black reversible jacket fleece lined with the logo on one side only, as supplied by Wirral Uniform Centre. No other jacket is acceptable.
Scarf	(Optional) black & white official school scarf available from Wirral Uniform Centre or plain black. No other scarf may be worn.
Hijab	If a hijab is worn, it must be plain black
Hair accessories	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.
Skirt	Black pleated official school skirt as supplied by Wirral Uniform Centre. Only official style may be worn.
Trousers (optional)	Black straight leg official school trousers as supplied by Wirral Uniform Centre. Only the official style may be worn.
Blouse	White official rever collar school blouse from Wirral Uniform Centre
Jumper *	Black official school v-neck jumper as supplied by Wirral Uniform Centre



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Shoes	<u>Plain</u> , flat black school shoes (e.g. no bows) Black pumps (e.g. Converse) are not permitted
Boots	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.
Socks or tights	Opaque, black tights or ankle socks, black shoes (no bows on socks)
Bag*	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

Compulsory:

PE skort	Black skort, with sky blue inserts
Sports top *	Black with sky blue inserts
Hoodie *	Black hoodie with sky blue inserts
Tracksuit bottoms	Black with sky blue piping or plain black (optional)
Leggings *	Black with BHSA logo (only to be worn for gymnastics, dance & athletics activities)
Hockey socks	Black, ¾ length with sky blue turnover
Games socks	White, ankle length
Training shoes	White with cushioned soles (not leisure shoes such as Converse)
Astro-turf shoes	Essential – any sports outfitters
Gum shield	Mouthguards are advisable (and compulsory for matches)
Swimming costume	One piece, any colour
Swimming towel	
Black sports bag	Suitable for sports kit/swimming kit. Must be able to fit in school locker
Shinpads	With ankle protectors

* Items marked with an asterisk require a school logo

All items, with the exception of socks, should be clearly labelled with the students' name



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Sixth Form Dress Code

Blazer/cardigan/jumper	This can be in any colour
Top	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.
Trousers	These can be any colour/pattern but should be smart. Blue denim is not allowed. Ripped jeans are also not allowed.
Skirt	This can be any colour/pattern
Dress	This can be any colour/pattern
Shoes	Appropriate footwear should be worn. Trainers are not allowed.
Hair, make-up & piercings	Make-up should be minimal/natural and hair colour should not be overly vibrant. Facial piercings are allowed but should be minimal (studs)
Tattoos	Tattoos must be kept covered up at all times
Formal occasions	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