

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/shellac/gel (including false eye lashes and nails) may be worn with the school uniform. This includes the excessive use of fake tan.
- Hair should not be dyed beyond natural hair colours.
- In Senior School, shoulder length hair, or longer, should be tied back, neatly, at all times.
- 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 (e.g. no overly large bows, decorative clips or themed/character hair bands).
- No jewellery is permitted other than a watch (no smart watches) for pupils from Nursery to Year 11. No piercings, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, rings or other jewellery are allowed and will be confiscated if worn. This includes clear studs.
- In Junior School, clear spacers are permitted in the month of September only (for the purposes of enabling an extended healing period for newly pierced ears as appropriate). No clear spacers are permitted beyond this time and pupils or their parents will be asked to remove them.
- No badges apart from school issued badges can be worn on our uniform (an appropriately sized birthday badge may be worn on the day in Junior School).

Practice

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

Opening Times: Tuesday & Thursday 3pm-4.30pm and Saturday 2pm - 3pm 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.

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 (BHSA logo optional)
Plain black winter coat (BHSA waterproof coat optional; otherwise **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 (BHSA water proof coat optional; otherwise **must be black only**)
Pinafore: plain black & pleated ('Junior Flower Button Pinafore' in the school shop)
(Students have the option of wearing plain black school trousers, white shirt and tie)
White polo shirt (BHSA 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 (BHSA logo optional)
BHSA book bag (up to Year 1)
Optional red/black waterproof
Optional painting overall

Years 1-6:

Plain black waterproof coat (BHSA waterproof coat optional; otherwise **must be plain black only**)
BHSA School blazer (compulsory from Year 3 upwards, optional for Year 1 and 2)
Pinafore: plain black & pleated ('Junior Flower Button Pinafore' in the school shop)
(Students have the option of wearing plain black school trousers, white shirt and tie)
White blouse worn **with BHSA school tie**
Medium grey, plain v-neck pullover or cardigan, classic style (BHSA 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/black 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 (BHSA 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)
BHSA School blazer (compulsory from Year 3 upwards, optional for lower years)
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 (optional)
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 (optional)
School black football socks with white band (optional)
White short socks
Trainers
Black swimming hat
Plain black swimming costume
Black woolly hat with school badge or plain black hat (optional)

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

Blazer	Black girls' blazer <u>with BHSA logo</u> as supplied by Wirral School Shop
Coat	Plain black coat
Scarf	Plain black
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. Shoulder length hair, or longer, should be tied back, neatly, at all times
Skirt	Black pleated official school skirt. Only official style may be worn. The skirt must not be rolled at the waist
Trousers (optional)	Black straight leg official school trousers as supplied by Wirral School Shop. Only the official style may be worn
Blouse	White official revere collar school blouse from Wirral School Shop
Jumper	Black official school v-neck jumper as supplied by Wirral School Shop
Shoes	<u>Plain</u> , flat black school shoes (e.g. no bows) Black pumps (e.g. Converse) or trainers 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	Years 7, 8 and 9 - Rucksack with BHSA school logo as supplied by Wirral School Shop. (Optional <u>Plain</u> black Rucksack, no branding) Year 10 and 11 – Any suitable plain black school bag

Games & P.E. Kit

ALL KIT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE WIRRAL UNIFORM CENTRE

All items are compulsory unless stated:

Sports t shirt	Black round neck t shirt <u>with BHSA logo</u>
Sweat top	Black ¼ zip <u>with BHSA logo</u>
Tracksuit bottoms	Black tracksuit bottoms with BHSA logo (optional)
Leggings	Black Akoa leggings (optional)
PE skort	Black skort (optional)
PE shorts	Black football/games style shorts or black 2 in 1 shorts (optional)
Football socks	School black with white band (optional)
Games socks	White, ankle length
Training shoes	Cushioned soles (not leisure shoes such as Converse)
Swimming costume	One piece, any colour
Swimming towel	Bath sheet size
Black sports bag	Suitable for sports kit/swimming kit. Must be able to fit in school locker

For football matches pupils will be expected to wear shin pads and football socks.

All items 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.

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

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