

Churchdown School Academy



UNIFORM GUIDE 2021-2022

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Ensuring students attend school dressed smartly in school uniform is the foundation for high standards in other aspects of school life, including a positive work ethic and conduct in and around school.

We thank parents in advance for actively supporting our school uniform expectations. The school will continually monitor the quality of students' uniform and encourage students to develop a sense of pride in themselves.

First impressions do count and by continually reinforcing our high standards of uniform and appearance we aim to prepare our students for the world of work.

As families, purchasing uniform and ensuring a child arrives to school dressed appropriately can be a stressful time. Our uniform guide is designed to help families with the process by outlining our expectations which, in turn, will help families understand what is expected of their child.

Our intention is to ensure that students look and dress smart but not at the undue expense of families. We have ensured as a school that the cost of our uniform is affordable yet of the highest quality.

We hope the uniform guide provides both students and families with clarity around our expectations. Students should expect to be challenged by staff where they fail to meet our expectations with regard to school uniform. This applies particularly to skirts and footwear. **The official school skirt for girls must be worn on the knee, and the waist band must not be rolled over.** Students can expect to be asked to wear shoes provided by school in the event of arriving in unacceptable footwear.

The school reserves the right to confiscate items that do not conform to the school's expectations with regard to uniform. These items will be stored safely and returned to the individual at an appropriate time by a designated member of staff.

MAIN SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students in Years 7–11 will be expected to wear the school uniform. The full list of items is outlined on the next page.



Girls uniform with skirt option



Boys uniform with optional jumper



Girls uniform with trouser options

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Girls (Years 7–11)

School blazer with badge
(only available from school)

Knee-length charcoal grey school skirt
(only available from school)

Charcoal grey trousers
(alternative to skirt)

House tie *(only available from school)*

Sky blue shirt

Plain black socks or black tights

Black traditional school shoes

Boys (Years 7–11)

School blazer with badge
(only available from school)

Charcoal grey trousers

House tie *(only available from school)*

Sky blue shirt

Plain black socks

Black traditional school shoes

- A smart outdoor school coat should be worn in poor weather (hoodies are not permitted)
- An optional V-necked pullover (school edition) is also available through the school

Trousers and blue shirts can be purchased from a retailer of your choice or via www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com

UNACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR

The school expects students to wear 'formal' leather shoes as part of the uniform. To avoid any confusion or embarrassment we have included a number of examples which are **not** appropriate for school.

Pupils who do not arrive in formal school shoes may be asked to wear a pair of shoes provided by the school until the matter is resolved. Therefore, please help support us by ensuring your child attends the school wearing acceptable shoes. Please check this with school before purchasing if you are unsure about an appropriate style of shoe.

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR



Converse (or equivalent) leather or canvas boot



Vans (or equivalent) style leather or canvas trainer



Nike (or other manufacturers) trainers



Dr Martins (or equivalent) boots



Suede studded shoes



Adidas (or equivalent) leather trainers

PE KIT



Girls (Years 7-11)

Navy/sky polo shirt

Navy/sky skort

Navy/sky sports socks

Navy/sky hooded sweatshirt
(optional)

Navy/sky track suit bottoms
(KS4 only– optional)

*All the above can be purchased
from the school*

Football boots

Trainers (no black soles)

Towel (optional)

Boys (Years 7 - 11)

Navy/sky rugby shirt

Navy/sky polo shirt

Navy/sky shorts

Navy/sky sportssocks

Navy/sky quarter zip top
(optional)

*All the above can be purchased
from the school*

Short white socks

Football boots

Trainers (no black soles)

Towel (optional)

Compulsory safety items include:

Gum shield (rugby and hockey); shin pads (football and hockey)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Labelling clothing

With almost 1500 students at the school and around 1300 wearing school uniform it is very important that families label the uniform of children. We are aware that things will occasionally get misplaced so having a label clearly identifying the name of the student will help minimise the risk of loss. Items in particular include blazer, coat(s), jumper, tie and especially PE kit.

Coats

Students are expected to wear a smart outdoor coat to school in poor weather. No hoodies or sports clothing classed as an outdoor coat will be allowed.

Blazer

The blazer is a symbol of our school identity. Students are expected to wear their school blazers every day and at all times in corridors and classrooms, unless given permission by a member of staff to remove it. The school jumper is not to be worn in place of the blazer (no cardigans).

Trousers

Denim, corduroy, chino, tapered, skinny-jean style or skin-tight style trousers are not permitted. Students are expected to wear charcoal grey trousers which sit smartly at the waist and on the ankle/shoe line.

Skirts

There is an official skirt for girls which must be worn on the knee. The waist band must not be rolled-over, or gathered at the back and held by a hair band.

Footwear

Students to wear 'traditional', well-constructed, weather-proof, leather or leather-type shoes with a low heel. Trainers – black or otherwise, including popular designs such as Converse or Vans-style shoes – are not acceptable. Please refer to the images of unacceptable footwear earlier in the guide to avoid confusion.

Damaged Uniform and Lost Ties

School will support in the first instance, however, the expectation is that damaged uniform (no matter how minor) and lost ties will be repaired or replaced within two school days. Please contact a member of the Leadership Team if there is an issue with this to discuss how we can support you.

Jewellery

No other jewellery is permitted (with the exception of a watch), other than for cultural/religious reasons, in which case clarification should be sought from the school. All jewellery must be removed during PE lessons (for health and safety reasons).

Henna tattoos

Henna tattoos are not encouraged and should not be visible at any time whilst in school, including in PE lessons.

Piercings

Students may wear one stud in each earlobe. Hooped Earrings, flesh-holes, horn-style earrings and multiple piercings are not allowed. No piercings, other than ear piercings, are allowed.

Make-up and nails

We do not encourage students to wear make-up and nail varnish to school. However, if make-up is worn, it must be subtle and discrete. Excessive or gaudy make-up is not acceptable. Nail varnish and false nails are not permitted and nails should be kept short.

Hair Styles

Pupils hair style should not be extreme (eg. shaved in parts and long elsewhere) and hair should be natural in colour.

Headgear

Hats, caps and other headgear should not be worn indoors. They should only be worn to keep the head warm during the winter or to protect from the sun in the summer. Cultural headscarves should be plain black. Baseball caps are not permitted.

Cycle Helmets

Students who choose to cycle to school must wear a cycle helmet to and from school. They may take off their helmet once they have locked their bike up but must put it back on before removing their bikes from the bike sheds.

Mobile Devices and Music Players

We accept that students will want to bring their devices with them to use at the appropriate times. Mobile phones and music players are not to be used and/or visible during lessons, registration or any other learning activity. Students are only able to use their phones or music devices during break and lunch time. Devices will be confiscated from students who do not comply with this expectation.

Please be aware that in all cases, the device remains the responsibility of the student and the school cannot be held liable for any loss, breakage or theft.