

Uniform Policy

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1. Rationale

- a. The Governors support the principle of a school uniform for several clear reasons:
 1. To mark the formality of being educated at this school.
 2. To reinforce an inclusive sense of shared membership and pride in the school.
 3. To represent the widespread support shown by parents and the local community for a school uniform.

2. Years 7-11

- a. The School Uniform is to be worn by all students in Years 7-11. Parents who secure a place at the school for their son/daughter are required to support this policy. Deviation from the school uniform is only authorised once there has been negotiation and agreement with a member of senior staff.

3. Years 12 and 13

- a. In the sixth form there will be a dress code in operation. Students who gain a place in the Sixth Form will be expected to comply with this code.

4. Care of Personal Property

- a. It is recommended that:
 1. items of school uniform and personal property such as watches/mobile phones are clearly marked with the student's name.
 2. students do not bring valuable possessions or large amounts of money into school.
- b. The school is not liable for personal property including valuables and school uniform which are lost.

5. Maintaining Standards

- a. The list of school uniform and specification of Sixth Form Dress Code are made explicit in Student Planners and prospectuses. These are available on request.
- b. Tutors and Heads of Year are expected to monitor standards of school uniform and the appropriateness of personal appearance of all students (Years 7-13).
- c. Staff keep in touch with the supplier and local trusts to ensure there is easy access for all families to obtain school uniform.
- d. The policy is enforced and sanctions are imposed in line with the Governors' Behaviour Management Policy, a comment in the Student Planner or a conversation with parents/carers to, in cases of continuing defiance, a directive that the student goes home to change.

6. Policy Review

- a. This policy is kept under annual review by the relevant Governors' Committee with any proposals for change in school uniform requirements and Sixth Form Dress Code being subject to parental consultation.

7. Requirements

- a. Copies of the school uniform requirement and the Sixth Form Dress Code are attached. Proposals for change are considered by Governors and published to parents/students in good time.

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Bristol Free School Uniform

At Bristol Free School the principle of a uniform is to:

- mark the formality of being educated at Bristol Free School
- reinforce a sense of shared membership and pride in our School felt by all members of the community

There is an expectation that the Bristol Free School uniform will be worn with pride by all students, to and from School as well as at any time when uniform is required, such as on school trips. The standards are to be rigorously enforced by staff and we expect them to be supported in a like manner by parents and carers. The Headteacher reserves the right to make a final decision about the manner in which students at BFS present themselves at School or at any school related event.

Items	Requirements	Notes
Blazer*	Navy blue with BFS badge on left front breast pocket No other detail or design on blazer	Compulsory
Shirt	Pale blue, long sleeve, buttoned up to the neck Short sleeve optional for the summer	Should not be fitted or tailored. All buttons done up at all times, unless directed by BFS staff otherwise.
Tie*	Navy blue with red detail standard school style	Tie must be worn appropriately and showing a minimum of 15 red stripes
Jumper*	Navy blue V-neck long sleeve with* or without BFS logo	No other logos to be present on the jumper
Trousers	Charcoal grey, standard school style	No denim, boot-cut, skinny leg extra wide leg or any other such styles or materials (including zips or other adornments)
Skirt	As an alternative to trousers, girls may wear a pleated mid- grey skirt with a deep yoke and side zip fastening	The skirt should be worn no higher than 5cm above the knee with either tights or socks. When tights are worn with skirts, they should be opaque black or navy, without any pattern
Headscarf	Navy blue	Optional
Socks	Black or charcoal with no patterns with trousers Short white or knee length charcoal with skirts	Compulsory
Footwear	Black low heeled shoes	No trainers, boots, sandal type shoes, kitten heels, no platform shoes. Laces preferred to Velcro fastening
Coats/Outerwear	Plain and standard school style	No denim or leather. No extreme commercial logos. No hooded tops. Coats are not a replacement for blazers. Coats should only be

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Jewellery	Watch (optional) Maximum of one plain silver or gold stud (of no more than 5mm diameter) per earlobe	worn outside, not in the buildings No necklaces, chains or bracelets, including charity bands. No rings (except one per Year 11 student worn on a finger not thumb). No other forms of body piercing
Make-Up	No nail varnish or artificial nails. No eye shadow, heavy black lines etc...No lipstick	Discreet foundation, if needed
Hair style	Standard school style	No extremes in hair dye or style
School Bags	Rucksacks only	Must be able to carry a minimum equivalent of 2 A4 ring-binder files, pencil case and water bottle. No extreme commercial logos. Handbags/shoulder bags/satchels are not allowed

PE/Games/Dance Kit

Boys

Item	Requirements	Notes
BFS sports shirt (navy/red)*	Long-sleeved for outdoor wear	Compulsory. (If it is short-sleeved a plain navy blue long-sleeved base layer is required)
Polo shirt*	Short-sleeve, navy/red with BFS logo	Compulsory (for students in Year 7 from September 2015)
	Short-sleeved, light blue with BFS logo	May be substituted for red/navy polo shirt for Years 8 - 11 until September

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Shorts	Plain navy blue	Compulsory
Socks (1 pair)	Plain navy blue knee length	Compulsory
Socks (1 pair)	Plain white ankle length	Compulsory
Trainers	White (with or without coloured trim) and non-marking sole	Compulsory
Trousers	Plain navy blue (no logos)	Optional
Sweatshirt	Plain navy blue sports sweatshirt (no logos; not a zipped hooded top)	Optional
Base layer	Plain navy blue	Optional (but compulsory if BFS sports shirt is short-sleeved)
Football/rugby boots		Compulsory in Years 7 – 9 from September until April
Shin pads		Compulsory for in Years 7 – 9 from September until April

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Swimming shorts Plain colour

Compulsory for Year 7 in terms 5 & 6. May be substituted by plain 'speedo' style

Girls

Item	Requirements	Notes
Polo shirt*	Short-sleeve, navy/red with BFS logo	Compulsory (for students in Year 7 from September 2015)
	Short-sleeved, light blue with BFS logo	May be substituted for red/navy polo shirt for Years 8 - 11 until September 2016
Shorts	Plain navy blue (plain navy blue skort may be substituted)	Compulsory
Socks (1 pair)	Plain navy blue knee length	Compulsory
Socks (1 pair)	Plain white ankle length	Compulsory
Trainers	White (with or without coloured trim) and non-marking sole	Compulsory
Sweatshirt	Plain navy blue sports sweatshirt (no logos; not a zipped hooded top)	Optional
Trousers	Plain navy blue (no logos)	Optional
Base layer	Plain navy blue	Optional
Swimming costume	Plain one piece	Compulsory for Year 7 in terms 5 & 6.

Further items of sports kit may be

- **compulsory for extra-curricular sport e.g. shin pads and football boots for girls' football**
- **optional e.g. gum shields**

Students in Years 10 and 11 will require all compulsory items of PE kit, regardless of whether they take GCSE PE. They may also require additional kit but will be advised of the details in good time.

All items of uniform should be clearly named

*These items are only available from 'famous school branches' at 190 Henleaze Road, Henleaze, Bristol BS9 4NE; Tel: 0117 9620011; email bristol@famousbranches.com; website www.famousbranches.com