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Uniform

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Introduction

Overview

Birkdale has a good reputation for the appearance of its pupils and we expect pupils to wear their uniform with pride.

Clear guidance on uniform is below, and parents are asked to support the school by ensuring that pupils have the right garments and that they wear them neatly. Pupils should normally be in uniform on arrival and departure from school, and for all school activities. Hair styles should be neat and tidy and free from extremes.

If you require any assistance or advice, please contact the relevant School Office in term-time, or the Bursar's section in the holiday period.

Prep School:	prepschool@birkdaleschool.org.uk	0114 266 8408
Senior School & Sixth Form:	enquiries@birkdaleschool.org.uk	0114 266 8408
Bursar's Department:	billing@birkdaleschool.org.uk	0114 266 8400

All these details are available for reference on the Birkdale website www.birkdaleschool.org.uk.

Where do I purchase Birkdale uniform and sports kit?

Birkdale's School Uniform provider is Schoolblazer and the Sports Kit supplier is Grays Teamsports. Details are below:

Schoolblazer - www.schoolblazer.com

Schoolblazer is the supplier of the school's uniform. Schoolblazer offer a fully online ordering and delivery service. The website will take you through a step by step process to ensure sizing is accurate. They have a free returns policy. Schoolblazer have a name taping service whereby garments can be issued with your child's name sewn into items before dispatch. This will ensure lost property can be returned to its rightful owner as soon as possible. This does not affect returns. Schoolblazer have a customer helpline tel. 0333 7000 703 if you have any individual questions regarding uniform that cannot be resolved via the website.

Grays Teamsports - www.graysteamports.com/collections/birkdale-school

The sports kit is supplied by Grays Teamsports, who provide an online ordering service for our school sportswear and sporting equipment.

Sales of second hand uniform

Some items of preloved uniform and games kit are available, please email requests to sh-uniform@birkdaleschool.org.uk.

Sales of second hand uniform items and sportswear are held in aid of the Friends of Birkdale School (FOBS). Details of second hand sales will be sent out via BirkdalePost. Items of preloved school uniform or games kit no longer required can be donated to school via Reception.

NB. New ties are usually available to purchase directly from the School to save postage costs if ties are lost/mislaid. Please ask at Reception or via the sh-uniform email above.

Naming of items

All pupils must have all their garments clearly marked with name tapes to reduce loss and discourage indiscriminate borrowing. Shoes should be marked with a name tape attached with a special adhesive or with a permanent marker.

Lost property in Prep School

Named lost property will be returned to pupils' pegs. Unnamed lost property is retained by Matron, please email the school office to make enquires regarding any items of unnamed lost property with a description and we will endeavour to return them.

Lost property in Senior School

Every effort will be made to reunite pupils with lost property.

Any enquiries relating to lost property should be addressed to lostproperty@birkdaleschool.org.uk. Please provide a description of the item and if possible where it may have been lost / mislaid or last seen.

Further guidance on how we manage lost property is available in the Senior School Lost Property Guidance available on the parent portal.

Prep School Uniform (PP1-PP3, P1-P4)

We have the choice of two uniform options, code A or B, and parents can select which uniform code to follow (items cannot be mixed between codes, for example a revere collar shirt and no tie from code B cannot be worn with grey trousers from code A).

Uniform Code A (Traditionally Boys Uniform)

Compulsory items from [Schoolblazer](#):

	Pre-Prep PP1 - PP3	Prep P1 - P4
• School Blazer (not required in Pre-Prep)		✓
• School Jersey - red with navy trim	✓	✓
• School Tie (not required in Pre-Prep)		✓
• School Mid Grey Trousers/Shorts (shorts recommended for summer term)	✓	✓
• School Navy Crested Sweatshirt & Joggers	✓	
• Pre-Prep White Crested Polo Shirt	✓	
• School Stormproof Raincoat	✓	✓
• Book bags (nb. required up to Prep 1 not for Prep 2 and above)	✓	✓

Further compulsory items

- some are available from [Schoolblazer](#) but can also be purchased elsewhere:

	Pre-Prep PP1 - PP3	Prep P1 - P4
• Grey ankle socks	✓	✓
• Shirt: white, short or long sleeved (short is advised)	✓	✓
• Shoes: plain black leather (not boots or trainers)	✓	✓
• Gym shoes/Plimsolls	✓	
• Shoe Bag - navy	✓	✓
• Navy Swimming Trunks (not Bermuda or baggy please)		✓
• Towel (to use after PE, Rugby/Soccer/Swimming)		✓



Pre-Prep
Uniform Code A

Prep
Uniform Code A

Uniform Code B (Traditionally Girls Uniform)

Compulsory items from [Schoolblazer](#):

	Pre-Prep PPI - PP3	Prep P1 - P4
• School Blazer (not required in Pre-Prep)		✓
• School Cardigan - red with navy trim or jumper if preferred	✓	✓
• School Plaid Skirt* or navy trouser / shorts (worn with white ankle socks)		✓
• School Plaid pinafore or navy trouser / shorts (worn with white ankle socks)	✓	
• Summer Dress (optional but recommended for summer term, navy or white shorts can be worn under for modesty)	✓	✓
• School Navy Crested Sweatshirt & Joggers	✓	
• Pre-Prep White Crested Polo Shirt	✓	
• School Stormproof Raincoat	✓	✓
• Book bags (nb. required up to Prep 1 not for Prep 2 and above)	✓	✓

* Skirts must not be more than 2cm above the knee

	Pre-Prep PPI - PP3	Prep P1 - P4
• White ankle socks (can be worn with either skirts or shorts/trousers)	✓	✓
• Red Tights (worn with pinafore only)	✓	
• Navy Tights (worn with skirts only)		✓
• Shirt: Revere collar white, short or long sleeved (short is advised)	✓	✓
• Shoes: plain black leather (not boots or trainers)	✓	✓
• Shoe Bag - navy	✓	✓
• Gym shoes/Plimsolls	✓	
• Navy swimming costume (not bikini)		✓
• Towel (to use after PE, Rugby/Soccer/Swimming)		✓
• Navy leotard (optional)	✓	

Further compulsory items - some are available from [Schoolblazer](#) but can also be purchased elsewhere:



Pre-Prep
Uniform Code B

Prep
Uniform Code B

General appearance

- Hair styles should be neat and tidy, free from extremes. Pupils with long hair below the collar should wear this tied up with plain hair bands in the school colours of navy or red.
- No jewellery is permitted other than one pair of small plain stud earrings for pupils in Prep 1 and above. These will have to be removed for sport lessons.
- Nail varnish and make up are not permitted.
- Wearing watches is discouraged in school as they are regularly lost and have to be removed for sport and PE lessons. The wearing of Smart Watches is prohibited at all times.
- All pupils must have all their garments clearly marked with name tapes to reduce loss and discourage borrowing. Shoes should be marked with a name tape attached with a special adhesive or with a permanent marker.

If you have any further questions or issues regarding uniform / sports kit / general appearance, please contact the Deputy Head (Pastoral) in the first instance to discuss this.



Sportswear

All pupils in P1 - P4 must purchase compulsory items from [Grays Teamsports](#), apart from those marked with ** which can be purchased elsewhere:

	Compulsory	Optional
• PE T- Shirt (house-specific shoulder panel colour) Asterley - Green / Hall - Yellow / Heeley - Red / Griffiths - Blue	✓	
• Birkdale PE shorts (male or female version) or skort or leggings	✓	
• Reversible games top *	✓	
• Birkdale trackpant*	✓	
• Birkdale rugby short or skort or leggings	✓	
• Birkdale waterproof ¼ zip jacket*	✓	
• Birkdale games socks - plain navy	✓	
• Birkdale ¼ zip fleece midlayer *		✓
• Birkdale netball dress - the school has a selection of dresses for wearing when representing the school in matches but this item can be purchased if required		✓
• Birkdale athletics vest		✓
• Birkdale cricket whites (nb. shirt and long trousers are compulsory for pupils selected for school matches, cap and sweater are also available.		✓
• Suitable footwear for indoor PE (non-marking soles) **	✓	
• Specialist footwear for games eg rugby /football /hockey/netball**	✓	
• PE sport socks - black, white or navy blue**	✓	

* Items are unisex up to age 11-12 then a female fit version is available from adult size 8 onwards

** Can be purchased from any supplier

Nb. Pre- Prep do not require any items of sportswear as they have the Schoolblazer sweatshirt and joggers instead.

[Grays Teamsports](#) also offer a range of other optional items: Baselayer (top/leggings) / bobble hat / jammers / swimsuits / caps / sports bags and sporting equipment.

NB. If a hijab is being worn for sport, please ensure it is a sports version requiring no pins or fastenings and is plain navy blue or black.

Senior School Uniform (S1-S5)

We have the choice of two uniform options, code A or B, and parents can select which uniform code to follow (items cannot be mixed between codes).

Uniform Code A (Traditionally Boys Uniform)

Compulsory Items ✓ indicates items to be purchased only from [Schoolblazer](#)

- School Blazer (male fit) ✓
- School Blue V Neck Jersey (red trim) - as required in cold weather ✓
- School Tie ✓
- School Mid Grey Trousers ✓
- Collared Shirt: white, short or long sleeved
- Grey or black ankle socks
- Shoes: plain black leather (or leather in appearance)
- not boots / trainers / ballet pumps / no high heels

Uniform Code B (Traditionally Girls Uniform)

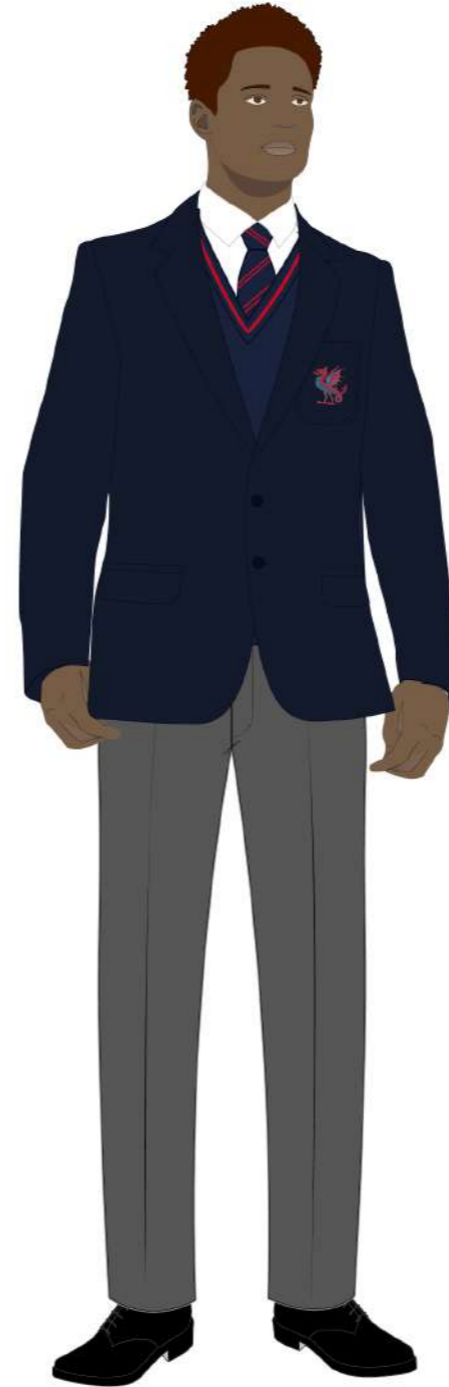
Compulsory Items (✓ indicates items to be purchased only from [Schoolblazer](#))

- School Blazer (female fit) ✓
- School Blue V Neck Jersey (red trim) - as required in cold weather ✓
- School Plaid Skirt * or Mid Grey Trousers ✓
- Blouse: white, reverse collar, short or long sleeved ✓
- Navy or black opaque tights or black ankle socks
- Shoes: plain black leather (or leather in appearance)
- not boots / trainers / ballet pumps / no high heels

* Skirts must not be more than 2cm above the knee

Headwear - Pupils wishing to wear a hijab/turban or other religious headwear must ensure that this is plain navy blue or black. All head scarves must be tucked into shirts to ensure safety.

Outdoor Clothing - All pupils should have a coat preferably dark in colour. Hoodie tops, 'bomber' jackets and leather, plastic or denim materials are not permitted. Any logos are to be subtle in design. Coats are not permitted to be worn in lessons and the Heeley Hall.



Senior School
Uniform Code A



Senior School
Uniform Code B



General appearance

- No jewellery apart from a wristwatch and one stud earring per ear. No other jewellery is permitted except where it has been approved by the Head.
- Hair is to be kept tidy and should not be extreme in terms of style, cut or colour. Long hair should be tied back for sport and practical subjects e.g. DT, Science with a plain bobble.
- No rings.
- No make up.
- No nail varnish or fake nails. Nails should be kept to a reasonable length.
- No fake eyelashes.
- No lipstick, lip gloss or coloured lip salve.
- No facial piercings (if nose studs are worn for religious or cultural reasons they must be clear in colour).
- All pupils are required to be clean-shaven. For those pupils who have religious grounds for growing a beard, appropriate styles must be adhered to and supported by the pupil's religious leader or parent/carer. We would ask that you inform the Head directly if your child is growing a beard for religious observance and all staff will then be notified.

Prohibited items

- Footwear without backs (sandals, flip flops, sliders.)
- Trainers/fashion pumps/boots (including canvas, suede or fabric footwear) e.g. Vans, Converse, Ugg, Timberland or Doc Marten boots
- Black trainers from sports brands are not allowed as a substitute for school shoes e.g. Nike Air Max.
- Tracksuit bottoms, jeans, combats, chinos, cords, or leggings.
- Headwear such as caps and bandanas, with the exception for pupils whose religion requires a covering (e.g. hijabs, turbans, kippah), or for medical reasons.
- Hooded or tracksuit tops.

If you have any further questions or issues regarding uniform/sports kit/general appearance, please contact the Head of Section for Lower or Middle School in the first instance to discuss this.

Sportswear

All pupils must purchase compulsory items ✓. Items must be purchased from [Grays Teamsports](#), apart from those marked with **

	Compulsory	Optional
• PE T- Shirt (house-specific shoulder panel colour) Asterley - Green / Hall - Yellow / Heeley - Red / Griffiths - Blue	✓	
• Birkdale PE shorts (male or female styles available) or skort or leggings	✓	
• Reversible games top *	✓	
• Birkdale trackpant*	✓	
• Birkdale rugby short or skort or leggings	✓	
• Birkdale waterproof ¼ zip jacket*	✓	
• Birkdale games socks - plain navy	✓	
• Birkdale ¼ zip fleece midlayer *		✓
• Birkdale netball dress - the school has a selection of dresses for wearing when representing the school in matches but this item can be purchased if required		✓
• Birkdale athletics vest		✓
• Birkdale cricket whites (nb. shirt and long trousers are compulsory for pupils selected for school matches, cap and sweater are also available)		✓
• Suitable footwear for indoor PE (non- marking soles) **	✓	
• Specialist footwear for games eg rugby /football /hockey/netball**	✓	
• PE sport socks - black white or navy blue**	✓	

* Items are unisex up to Age 11-12 then a female fit version is available from adult size 8 onwards

** Can be purchased from any supplier

[Grays Teamsports](#) also offer a range of other optional items: Baselayer (top/leggings) / bobble hat / jammers / swimsuits / caps / sports bags and sporting equipment.

NB. If a hijab is being worn for sport, please ensure it is a sports version requiring no pins or fastenings and is plain navy blue or black.

Other items

- Swimming trunks / one piece swimsuit: Good notice will be given by the sports staff if pupils require these.

The Sixth Form are required to wear a smart business suit.

Compulsory items (available from many high street stores and elsewhere)

- Suit: dark navy or black, either trouser or skirt option acceptable. Skirts must be business-style, of a length to give a smart, professional appearance at all times, typically no shorter than 2 cm above the knee: suit type fabric, not stretch jersey/lycra
- Matching waistcoats are optional.
- Plain white or light blue shirt or blouse with collar and buttons down the front
- Shoes smart black, brown or blue leather (or leather appearance). No boots, trainers, high heels or platform soles.

Compulsory item available from the School

- A Sixth Form Tie is required for students wearing a male fit suit – these will be available via school. Further details will be sent to parents.

Optional item

- Sweater, plain, preferably darker in colour to complement the suit and with no text or motif (no hoodies or sweatshirts).

Outdoor clothing

- All students should have a coat preferably dark in colour. Hoodie tops, 'bomber' jackets and leather, plastic or denim materials are not permitted. Any logos are to be subtle in design. Coats are not permitted to be worn in lessons and the Heeley Hall.



Sportswear

- Sixth Form students all take part in the Wednesday afternoon Games programme. Details of sports options will be provided in Induction Week, with guidance on requirements for a particular activity. Sixth formers are encouraged to buy the school 1/4 zip fleece and track pants available from Grays teamsports but can wear sports kit from other providers as long as it is navy blue. Sixth Form students can also purchase items as they wish depending on their choice of sport from the school provider Grays Teamsports.
 - Students who are representing the school in matches will need the Birkdale 1/4 zip waterproof top and trackpants. The PE department will provide other kit as required.
 - Students wearing a hijab will require a sports version with no pins or metal fastenings.
- NB** Further guidance is always available from the Director of Sport, who can be contacted via the School Office.

General appearance

- Jewellery and piercings should be kept to a minimum. Make-up must be subtle.
- Hair should be tidy and free from extremes in terms of style, cut or colour. Long hair should be tied back for sport and practical subjects e.g. DT, Science with a plain bobble.

Prohibited items

- Footwear without backs (sandals, flip flops, sliders).
- Trainers/fashion pumps/boots (including canvas, suede or fabric footwear) e.g., Vans, Converse, Ugg, Timberland or Doc Martens boots)
- Black trainers from sports brands are not allowed as a substitute for school shoes e.g. Nike Air Max.
- Lycra/Stretch Jersey or frilly skirts.
- Tracksuit bottoms, jeans, combats, chinos, cords, or leggings.
- Headwear such as caps and bandanas, with the exception for pupils whose religion requires a covering (e.g. hijabs, turbans, kippah), or for medical reasons.
- Hooded or tracksuit tops.
- Outdoor coats should not be worn in class.

If you have any further questions or issues regarding the Sixth Form dress code please contact the Head of Year or Director of Sixth Form in the first instance to discuss this.

Non-Compliance Sanctions (S1-U6)

If pupils are not in full uniform, parents must provide a written explanation to their child's form tutor. Form tutors will sign a note in the pupil's planner to acknowledge that it has been seen and agreed.

The following will happen in the event of non-compliance of uniform and appearance expectations:

- Stage 1:** Staff warning/discussion with the pupil and conduct card strike.
- Stage 2:** Persistent disregard will lead to a Friday detention (parents informed)
- Stage 3:** Further ignoring of the school uniform policy will lead to a Saturday detention (parents informed).
- Stage 4:** If the pupil still ignores the uniform policy a meeting will be held with parents
- Stage 5:** In extreme circumstances, a pupil may be sent home on the grounds that their behaviour is now deliberate defiance of the school. Parents will be required to come in to discuss the situation.



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