



# The Abbey

The independent school for girls aged 3-18.

## The Abbey School Uniform Code

From September 2016

This code has been written in line with DfE document 'School Uniform, Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities', Sept 2013.

At The Abbey School, all girls are expected to wear their uniform smartly and with pride. Most items must be purchased from [Schoolblazer](#), our online uniform supplier. All items should be named (NB Schoolblazer offer a name-taping service at source.) We believe that the wearing of our school uniform is an important part of the ethos of the school, bringing together a community of girls from many different backgrounds, aiding integration, cohesion and good order in the school. The Head may grant exceptions but only where this is required as a matter of sincere religious observance, which can be substantiated by a letter from the leader of the relevant religious community.

If there is any difficulty concerning school uniform, parents may contact the relevant Head of Year who will always be happy to advise.

### General

Hair must be of a natural colour, clean and tidy. Shoulder length or long hair must be tied back, off the shoulders and back from the face at all times. Hair accessories should be green, black or brown. Other colours and decorative styles are not appropriate.

The Head may agree to a bracelet or necklace being worn if it is a religious requirement. It must be worn under the sleeve/blouse so that it does not show, and removed during PE lessons for safety reasons.

Only plain studs may be worn by girls with pierced ears and they must be removed during PE lessons for safety reasons. Multiple piercing and other body piercing and tattoos are not permitted.

Head coverings, when required on religious grounds, are only permissible in the Senior School. They must then be in plain black fabric. The full face must remain visible and scarves should not fall further than 6 inches below the shoulder.

No makeup or nail varnish is permitted in the Junior School or in the Senior School from Upper III – Lower IV. From Upper IV, discreet makeup may be worn.

All uniform should be named with sewn-in labels. All equipment and personal possessions should be clearly marked with owner's name.

Summer uniform is worn in the summer term and (if preferred) up to half term in the autumn term. Girls in UII and LIII may remain in winter uniform all year if they prefer.

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## Junior School Uniform – Nursery

Items in bold type must be purchased from Schoolblazer.

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### Uniform

**Regulation green sweatshirt**

**Regulation green jogging bottoms**

**Regulation white polo shirt**

**Regulation green shorts**

**Regulation green coat**

**Regulation scarf, hat and gloves**

**Lunch tabard**

Short white ankle socks

Black school shoes (T-bar or strap)

Black gym shoes (Elasticised slip-on or Velcro fastening)

Ballet shoes (Pink slip-on or elasticised)

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## Junior School Uniform – Reception – Transition (Year 2)

Items in bold type must be purchased from Schoolblazer/Squadkit.

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### Winter Uniform

**Regulation tartan pinafore**

**Regulation purple roll neck**

**Regulation green cardigan**

**Regulation green coat**

**Regulation scarf, hat and gloves**

Green cotton tights or green knee length socks (On occasion all girls need to wear tights. On swimming days, girls are asked to wear socks rather than tights.)

Black school shoes (Tbar or strap)

### Summer Uniform

**Regulation summer dress**

**Regulation green cardigan**

Short white ankle socks

Black school shoes (Tbar or strap)

### Other Items

**Regulation small green rucksack**

**Lunch tabard** (Reception - Prep only)

### Games Kit

**House polo shirt**

**Regulation green shorts**

**Regulation green sweatshirt**

**Regulation green jogging bottoms**

**Regulation linen PE bag**

**Black swimming costume** (Prep onwards)

**House swim hat** (Prep onwards)

**House baseball cap** (Optional – although this is the only sun hat allowed)

Swim bag (Prep onwards)

White ankle sport socks

Trainers (Predominantly white and non-marking)

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## Junior School Uniform – Lower I (Year 3) – Lower III (Year 6)

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### Winter Uniform

**Regulation white blouse**

**Regulation green jumper**

**Regulation tartan kilt**

**Regulation green coat**

**Regulation scarf, hat and gloves** (Optional)

Green cotton tights or green knee length socks

Black school shoes (Tbar, strap or lace-up)

### Summer Uniform

**Regulation summer dress** (Optional for Upper II - Lower III)

**Regulation green jumper**

Short white ankle socks

Black school shoes (Tbar, strap or lace-up)

### Other Items

**Regulation medium green rucksack**

**Regulation green science overall**

Simple, small watches may be worn from Lower I. Watches should be predominantly black, brown or white.

### Games Kit

**Regulation green polo shirt**

**Regulation skort**

**Regulation midlayer**

**Regulation tracksuit top** (Optional)

**Regulation tracksuit bottoms**

**Regulation games socks**

**Games bag** (Upper II - Lower III only - optional)

**Regulation linen PE bag**

**Regulation swimming costume**

**House swim hat**

**House polo shirt**

**House baseball cap** (Optional – although this is the only sunhat allowed)

**Baselayer top** (Optional)

**Baselayer leggings** (Optional)

**Cycle shorts** (Only required for Lower I – Lower III girls who compete in athletics or cross-country)

**Plain black leotard**

Shin guards and gum shield (Minimum Opro Silver or equivalent)

Swim bag

White ankle socks

Trainers (predominantly white non-marking)

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## Senior School Uniform – Upper III (Year 7) – Upper IV (Year 9)

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### Uniform

**Regulation plain green kilt**

**Regulation white blouse**

**Regulation green fitted jacket**

**Regulation purple jumper**

**Regulation black coat**

**Black or neutral tights or black short socks**

Shoes should be plain, black and give adequate support to the feet. Girls in UIII-UIV must have lace ups or a shoe with a bar across the front. Fabric/canvas shoes, trainers and high heels are not acceptable.

### Other Items

**Regulation butcher's apron** (Compulsory for Upper III and those taking Food Technology as an option later)

**Regulation science overall** (Clearly marked with the owner's name on the front left side, preferably embroidered)

Rucksack or school bag (Any colour, but must be large enough to take A4 files and exercise books. Rucksacks must not have wheels.)

### Games Kit

**Regulation tracksuit top**

**Regulation tracksuit bottoms**

**Regulation green polo shirt**

**Regulation skort**

**Regulation midlayer**

**Regulation games socks**

**Regulation games bag**

**Regulation cycle shorts**

**Black swimming costume**

**House swim hat**

**House polo shirt**

**Plain black leotard**

**Regulation white baselayer top** (Optional)

**Regulation black baselayer leggings** (Optional)

Shin guards and gum shield (Minimum Opro Silver or equivalent)

White ankle socks

White trainers

Astro trainers (No studs, moulds or cleats)

Hockey stick (For the Autumn and Spring Terms)

Tennis racquet (For the Summer Term. Racquet cover must be marked with permanent marker.)

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## Senior School Uniform – Lower V (Year 10) – Upper V (Year 11)

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### Uniform

Regulation plain green kilt

Regulation white blouse

Regulation black fitted jacket

Regulation black jumper

**Black or neutral tights or black short socks**

Black coat (Own choice of smart plain black coat or jacket – can also wear the regulation coat)

### Other Items

**Regulation Butcher's Apron** (Compulsory for Upper III and those taking Food Technology as an option later)

**Regulation Science overall** (Clearly marked with the owner's name on the front left side)

Rucksack or school bag (Any colour, but must be large enough to take A4 files and exercise books. Rucksacks must not have wheels.)

### Games Kit

Regulation tracksuit top

Regulation tracksuit bottoms

Regulation green polo shirt

Regulation skort

Regulation midlayer

Regulation games socks

Regulation games bag

House polo shirt

House swim hat

Regulation cycle shorts (Lower 5 only)

**Black swimming costume** (Lower 5 only)

**Regulation white baselayer top** (Optional)

**Regulation black baselayer leggings** (Optional)

Shin guards and gum shield (Minimum Opro Silver or equivalent)

White ankle socks

White trainers

Astro trainers (No studs, moulds or cleats)

Hockey stick (For the Autumn and Spring Terms)

Tennis racquet (For the Summer Term. Racquet cover must be marked with permanent marker.)

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## Senior School Uniform – Sixth Form (Years 12 – 13)

There is no daily school uniform for the Sixth Form; we expect students to wear clothing that is suitable for the working environment and with due regard to their status as the senior members of the school.

The Sixth Form has a “Black & White” dress code for formal occasions, which include taking school assemblies, touring visitors to the school, Speech Day, Open Evening, etc. Students should wear a smart black dress, skirt or trousers with a smart white top.

Hair should be a natural colour and should be fastened back for safety purposes in Science, Art, Food Technology and P.E lessons.

Sixth Formers may wear discreet jewellery, but not hoop earrings as they present a safety risk. Body piercing and tattoos are not permitted. Jewellery must be removed for safety purposes in lessons such as Science and P.E.

Protective clothing, clearly marked with your name on the front left side, will be needed for the following classes:  
**Science – white lab coat** or green overall; **Art – green overall**; **Food Technology – butcher’s apron**.

### Sixth Form Sports Wear

A complete change of clothes is required for P.E.

Students may wear the school kit from Schoolblazer but this is not compulsory.

The P.E. kitbag should contain:

- Sports top / t-shirt / tracksuit top
- Tracksuit bottoms / shorts / games skirt
- Sport trainers and socks

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