



The Abbey

The independent school for girls aged 3-18.

The Abbey School Uniform Code

From September 2018

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, 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 (Senior School)/Assistant Head (Junior School) 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 being worn if it is a religious requirement. It must be worn under the sleeve 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, or covered with tape, during PE lessons for safety reasons. Nose piercings, hooped earrings, 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.

In the Junior School, summer uniform is worn in the summer term and (if preferred) up to half term in the autumn term. Girls in U11 and L111 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.
All items are compulsory unless stated otherwise.

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)

Wellies (to be kept in school)

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Junior School Uniform - Reception - Upper Prep (formerly Transition) (Year 2)

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All items are compulsory unless stated otherwise.

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 (T-bar or strap)

Summer Uniform

Regulation summer dress

Regulation green cardigan

Plain white socks (ankle or long. NB Tights may not be worn with summer uniform)

Black school shoes (T-bar or strap)

Other Items

Regulation small green rucksack

Lunch tabard (Reception only)

Games Kit

House polo shirt

Regulation green shorts

Regulation green sweatshirt

Regulation green jogging bottoms

Regulation linen PE bag

Black swimming costume (Lower Prep - Summer Term only. Upper Prep (formerly Transition) - all year. Not needed in Reception)

House swim hat (Lower Prep onwards)

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

Swim bag (Lower Prep onwards)

White ankle sport socks

Trainers (Predominantly white and non-marking)

Ballet shoes (Reception only - Pink slip-on or elasticised)

Wellies (Reception & Lower Prep only. To be kept in school)

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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 (T-bar, strap or lace-up)

Summer Uniform

Regulation summer dress (Optional for Upper II – Lower III)

Regulation green jumper

Plain white socks (ankle or long. NB Tights may not be worn with summer uniform)

Black school shoes (T-bar, 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. Fit-bits or similar devices may not be worn.

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 crested games 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 or 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 racket (for the Summer Term. Racket 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 (LV only)

Black swimming costume (LV 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)

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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 either a smart black dress or a 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 Sportswear

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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