



The Abbey

School Uniform Code

From September 2023

At The Abbey, all students are expected to wear their uniform smartly and with pride. Where specified, uniform must be purchased online from Schoolblazer, our online uniform supplier: www.schoolblazer.com. All items should be named (NB Schoolblazer offers a name-taping service at source), as should all possessions brought to school.

School uniform is an important part of the ethos of the school, bringing together a community of individuals from many different backgrounds, aiding integration, cohesion and good order in the school. If there is any difficulty concerning school uniform, parents should contact the form teacher, tutor, Head of Year (Senior School) or Assistant Head (Junior School), who will always be happy to advise.

Guidance for Junior School and Senior School up to Sixth Form

Hair must be of a natural colour, clean and tidy. For students in the Junior School and Upper III in the Senior School, shoulder length or long hair must be tied back, off the shoulders and back from the face at all times. For all students, hair should be tied back for safety purposes in Science, Art, Food Technology and PE lessons.

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

Only plain studs may be worn by students with pierced ears and they must be removed, or covered with tape, during PE lessons for safety reasons. No other jewellery is permitted, such as necklaces, rings or hoop earrings. Nose piercings, other body piercings and tattoos are also not permitted.

Exceptions may be made for discreet jewellery in line with religious requirements with permission from the Assistant Head (Junior School) or relevant Director (Senior School).

For students up to Lower IV, no makeup or nail varnish is permitted. Students in Upper IV-Upper V may wear clear nail varnish and discreet make-up.

Nursery and Reception Uniform

Items in **bold** must be purchased from Schoolblazer. All items are compulsory unless stated otherwise.

School green sweatshirt

School green jogging bottoms

School white polo shirt

School green shorts

School green coat

School scarf, hat and gloves

Lunch tabard

Rucksack

Short white ankle socks

Black school shoes (T-bar or strap)

Ballet shoes (Pink slip-on or elasticised)

White trainers

Wellies (To be kept in school)

Sun hat (To cover neck and ears)

Black swimming costume

Swim Hat (preferably in House colour)

House Shirt (Summer Term)

Junior School Uniform

Lower Prep (Year 1) and Upper Prep (Year 2)

Items in **bold** must be purchased from Schoolblazer. All items are compulsory unless stated otherwise.

Winter Uniform

School tartan pinafore
School purple roll neck
School green cardigan
School green coat
School scarf, hat and gloves

Green cotton tights or green knee length socks (on occasion all students need to wear tights. On swimming days students are asked to wear socks rather than tights)
Black school shoes (T-bar or strap)

Summer Uniform

School summer dress
School green cardigan
Plain white socks (ankle or long - NB Tights may not be worn with summer uniform)
Black school shoes (T-bar or strap)

Summer uniform is worn in the summer term and (if preferred) up to half term in the autumn term.

Other Items

School small green rucksack
Wellies (Lower Prep only)

Games Kit

House polo shirt
School green shorts
School green sweatshirt
School green jogging bottoms
School linen PE bag
School swimming costume
House swimming hat

House baseball cap (Optional - although this is the only sun hat allowed)
Swim bag and towel (Lower Prep onwards)
White ankle sport socks
Trainers (predominantly white and non-marking)
Ballet shoes (Reception only - Pink slip-on or elasticised)

Junior School Uniform

Lower I (Year 3) to Lower III (Year 6)

Items in **bold** must be purchased from Schoolblazer. All items are compulsory unless stated otherwise.

Winter Uniform

School white blouse

School green jumper

School tartan kilt or black formal creased trousers

School green coat

School scarf, hat and gloves (optional)

Green cotton tights or green knee length socks

Black school shoes (T-bar, strap or lace-up)

Summer Uniform

School summer dress

School 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)

Summer uniform is worn in the summer term and (if preferred) up to half term in the autumn term. Summer uniform is optional for Upper II and Lower III.

Other Items

School medium green rucksack

School 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

School green polo shirt

School skort

School midlayer

School tracksuit top (optional)

School tracksuit bottoms

School games socks

School games bag (optional for Upper II - Lower III)

School swimming costume

House swimming hat

House polo shirt

Plain black leotard (optional)

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

School baselayer top (optional)

School baselayer leggings (optional)

School cycle shorts (optional)

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

Swim bag and towel

White ankle socks

Trainers (predominantly white non-marking)

Plain black shorts (optional)

Plain black Lycra gym shorts

Senior School Uniform

Upper III (Year 7) to Upper IV (Year 9)

Items in **bold** must be purchased from Schoolblazer. All items are compulsory unless stated otherwise.

School blazer - bottle green	Black or neutral tights or black short socks
School green kilt or black formal trousers/knee-length black formal shorts in summer	Shoes should be plain, black and give adequate support to the feet. They must be lace-ups or a shoe with a bar across the front. Fabric or canvas shoes, trainers and high heels are not permitted.
School white blouse	
School purple jumper	
School coat or own choice of smart plain black coat or jacket	

Other Items

School butcher's apron (compulsory for Upper III and those taking Food Technology as an option later)

School 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

School tracksuit top	School baselayer top (optional)
School tracksuit bottoms	School baselayer leggings (optional)
School skort	Shin guards and gum shield (minimum Opro Silver or equivalent)
School green polo shirt	White ankle socks
House polo shirt	Sports trainers
School midlayer	Astro trainers (no studs, moulds or cleats)
School games socks	Hockey stick (for the Autumn and Spring Terms)
School games bag	Tennis racket (for the Summer Term. Racket cover must be marked with a permanent marker)
House swimming hat	
Black swimming costume	
School cycle shorts or plain black leggings for athletics	
Plain black leotard (optional)	

Senior School Uniform

Lower V (Year 10) to Upper V (Year 11)

Items in **bold** must be purchased from Schoolblazer. All items are compulsory unless stated otherwise.

School blazer - black

School green kilt or black formal trousers/knee-length black formal shorts in summer

School white blouse

School black jumper

School coat or own choice of smart plain black coat or jacket

Black or neutral tights or black short socks

Shoes should be plain, black and give adequate support to the feet. Students may wear 'smart school trainers' to school. These must be all black.

Other Items

School butcher's apron (compulsory for those taking Food Technology as an option)

School 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

School tracksuit top and/or school midlayer

School tracksuit bottoms or plain black leggings

School green polo shirt

House polo shirt

School midlayer

School games socks

School games bag

House swimming hat

Black swimming costume (Lower V only)

Black cycle shorts (Lower V only)

School baselayer top (optional)

School baselayer leggings (optional)

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

White ankle socks

Sports 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 a permanent marker).

Sixth Form guidance (Years 12-13)

There is no daily school uniform for the Sixth Form: we expect students to wear clothing that is comfortable, sensible and practical for the working environment. We ask that students dress with due regard to their status as the senior members of the school. More specific guidance can be found in the Sixth Form Handbook.

There are no specific regulations regarding jewellery, hair colour or piercings: where there are questions over appropriateness, these will be raised on an individual basis by members of the Sixth Form team. Tattoos are not permitted. In lessons such as Sciences and PE, jewellery should be removed and hair should be tied up for safety purposes.

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

The Sixth Form has a "Black & White" dress code for formal occasions, which includes leading school assemblies, touring visitors to the school, Speech Day, Open Evening, etc. Students should wear either a smart black dress or black skirt or trousers with a smart white top. Shoes should be clean, comfortable, smart and sensible.

Sixth Form Sportswear

A complete change of clothes is required for PE, Active Enrichment or competitive sport.

Students may wear the school kit from Schoolblazer but this is not compulsory. The PE kitbag should contain:

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