

Uniform/Appearance Policy

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Uniform Policy

Uniform is an important part of a school's culture; it helps students feel they belong to a community, it teaches them to take pride in their appearance and it establishes they are coming to a professional environment where learning and work takes priority. Bodmin College believes first impressions count. Ensuring students attend school smartly dressed and in school uniform is the foundation for high standards in all aspects of school life. Moreover, our uniform removes any additional pressures for students to wear expensive, branded items.

Vision

The Bodmin College uniform promotes equality, unity, a sense of pride and self-worth through ensuring all students adhere to the School Uniform Policy.

Aims

- To create an environment conducive to learning.
- To promote a high sense of pride and prepare students for the world of work.
- To promote student focus and concentration.
- To consistently maintain the highest of expectations.

Phased Approach

Bodmin College's school uniform changed in September 2023 and a phased approach was taken in the academic year 2023-24. The table below outlines the uniform expectations for all year groups from September 2024.

Item	Year 7 to 11 2024-25
Black Blazer with logo	Compulsory (available from Keywear)
Harrow Grey skirt/trousers/shorts	Compulsory (available from Keywear) *High street store alternatives available*
Tie (new grey, black and yellow tie)	Compulsory (available from Bodmin College)
White shirt	Compulsory (available from store of choice)
Black Jumper (new Bodmin College logo)	Optional (available from Keywear) <i>The optional black jumper is not a replacement for the blazer but can be worn under the blazer.</i>
Plain black formal footwear	Compulsory (available from store of choice)
Plain black socks or tights	Compulsory (available from store of choice)

Uniform Guide and Information

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Blazer

The Bodmin College logoed black school blazer is a mandatory item of school uniform for all students and should be worn at all times, unless permission to remove has been given by a member of staff.

Harrow Grey Skirt/Trousers/Shorts

Students must wear plain harrow grey tailored trousers made of standard material that sit at the waist and shoe line. These must be of a style that is complementary of a blazer. Skirts must be pleated and knee length. School shorts can be worn as an alternative to trousers, but must be harrow grey, of a formal style and meet the knee.



We WILL NOT accept

- Any type of jean, chino, leggings, tight/skinny trousers, or tracksuit style trousers.
- Trousers that do not reach the shoe line.
- Shorts that are not of a formal style. E.g Chino or cargo style shorts



Tie

A Bodmin College tie is required to be worn at all times, except where permission is given to remove due to health and safety e.g in some practical lessons. Ties are clip on and will need to be worn with a formal white shirt/blouse which must have a top button that can be fastened.

Black Jumper

A Bodmin College logoed black V-neck school jumper is an optional item if worn underneath a blazer. The black jumper is not a replacement for the blazer but can be worn under the blazer.

Shirt/Blouse

This is a standard item of uniform, available from any clothing shop or supermarket. The shirt/blouse must have a top button that can be fastened to secure the school tie. Shirts must be of a suitable length to ensure they remained tucked into trousers at all times.

Socks

Students may wear black socks which present above the ankle or black tights of at least 80 denier. Socks must not display any logos and are available from most supermarkets/high street stores. White socks are not permitted.

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Shoes

School shoes should be plain black and made from leather or leather like material that is polish-able or patent in a formal style. It is important that shoes are complementary of the blazer and formal trousers. This style of shoes is available from many clothing/shoe shops or supermarkets.



We WILL NOT accept:






- Coloured laces, high heels, boots, canvas, suede material, trainers, trainer style shoes, logos. No Nike Air Force 1s, converse, vans or similar.

Personal Appearance

- All students should have shirts tucked in.
- All socks/tights must be black with no logos which present above the ankle- no trainer socks. White socks are not permitted.
- Hair should be of a single natural shade and should be worn in a conventional style. Tramlines or extreme hair styles are not acceptable. Hair accessories should be functional and discreet.
- No facial studs are permitted. Clear retainers may **not** be worn in any part of the body.
- One pair of small (less than 5mm) and discrete plain ear studs are permitted. They may be placed anywhere in the ear. Only one stud in each ear is permitted.
- Students are permitted to wear a watch to school. Smart watches are not permitted.
- No further jewellery, aside from the ear studs mentioned above, is allowed (e.g no rings, bracelets, necklaces, anklets)
- No hoodies, sweatshirts or denim jackets should be worn on school site.
- No hoods should be worn up on school site except in extreme weather.
- Woolly hats and summer caps may be worn at appropriate times but must be taken off before entering the buildings.
- False nails, gel nails or painted nails are not acceptable in any circumstances.
- Discreet make-up is permitted at Bodmin College and discretion is left with the Tutor, Head of Year and Leadership Team. False eyelashes are not acceptable.
- Students will not be permitted to attend mainstream lessons if any of the above are not adhered to.

PE Kit

On days when students have PE, they must bring their PE kit. Students who are injured will still be required to change in to their PE kit and participate in the lesson as far as the injury allows. E.g in a coaching/officiating role.

Compulsory Bodmin College PE Kit Items	Available From
Bodmin College PE Top 	Only available from Fitness for Sport
Choice of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain black loose fitting shorts, • Plain black leggings or • Plain black tracksuit trousers 	Available from Fitness for Sport Available from your choice of supplier
Black football socks 	Available from Fitness for Sport Available from your choice of supplier
Trainers – appropriate for sport (they must not be the student's school shoes)  	Available from your choice of supplier
Studded boots for field activities e.g., football/rugby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compulsory for boys • Optional for girls 	Available from your choice of supplier – (PE dept. happy to advise on suitable retailers)
<u>Optional Extra:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bodmin College PE Jacket • Bodmin College PE ¼ Zip Top or mid-layer 	Available from Fitness for Sport Available from your choice of supplier

Items we strongly recommend.

Having these items will ensure your child can participate fully in all PE lessons and will reduce the chances of injury.

- ✓ **Gum Shield (Rugby & Hockey) – Can be purchased at the PE Office £2**
- ✓ **Shin pads (Football)**

Jewellery and Hair Expectations

- ✓ All hair that falls below the chin needs to be tied up
- ✓ Fitness watches need to be removed (except for cross-country)
- ✓ **Ear studs must also be removed.**

Essential Equipment

Students are expected to have essential equipment with them every day. Essential equipment is:

- Black pen
- Purple pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator
- Whiteboard
- Whiteboard pen
- Pencil case
- Knowledge Organiser
- Homework Booklet

All students have been provided with a whiteboard and whiteboard pen at the start of the academic year. Replacements can be purchased from the College Shop on the Bodmin College Website.

Suppliers

Ties- Bodmin College Shop

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=777>

Uniform Items-Keywear Uniform

<https://www.keywearuniforms.co.uk/product-category/schools/bodmincollege/>

PE Kit- Fitness for Sport

<https://www.fitnessforsport.co.uk/online-sports-shop-plymouth/School-PE-Kit-c148670504>

High street alternatives (trousers, skirts, shorts) can be found on the Bodmin College website.

<https://mainsite.bodmincollege.co.uk/parents/uniform>

Advice

- We advise all students to have an appropriate outdoor coat to bring to school during cold and/or wet weather. Students will need to remove outdoor coats when entering the school buildings.
- We advise you check the website photos of shoes and check with a member of the senior team if unsure about the type of shoes allowed.
- A hoodie does not constitute as an outdoor coat and will be confiscated if worn in school.
- We recommend that students label their items of clothing and equipment to assist with the swift return if items are lost.

Any student who does not meet the uniform and equipment standards will be sanctioned in accordance with the Behaviour Policy (please see Behaviour Policy.)

The school reserves the right to confiscate items that do not conform this school policy (in accordance with DFE guidance - Search, screening on confiscation 2018)