



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 until September 2024 students in Year 7 will wear the new Bodmin College uniform, whereas students in Year 8 to 11 may wear some items of the old school uniform as detailed below.

| Item | Year 7 2023-2024 | Years 8-11 2023-2024 |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Black Blazer with logo | Compulsory (available from Keywear) | Optional (available from Keywear) |
| Harrow Grey skirt/trousers/shorts | Compulsory (available from Keywear) *High street store alternatives available* | Compulsory (available from Keywear) *High street store alternatives available* |
| Tie (new grey, black and yellow tie) | Compulsory (available from Bodmin College) | Compulsory (available from Bodmin College) |
| White shirt | Compulsory (available from store of choice) | Compulsory (available from store of choice) |
| Black Jumper | Optional (old school jumpers may be worn if already purchased, new jumper available from Keywear Uniform) *Some stock still available at Wovina with the old logo* | Optional if under a blazer, compulsory if not under a blazer (old school jumpers may be worn, new jumper available from Keywear Uniform) *Some stock still available at Wovina with the old logo* |
| Plain black footwear | Compulsory (available from store of choice) | Compulsory (available from store of choice) |
| Plain black socks or tights | Compulsory (available from store of choice) | Compulsory (available from store of choice) |

Uniform Guide and Information

Uniform

Blazer

The Bodmin College logoed black school blazer is a mandatory item of school uniform for students in Year 7 and should be worn at all times, unless permission to remove has been given by a member of staff. The blazer is an optional item of school uniform for students in Year 8 to 11 until September 2024 where it will become compulsory for all.

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 sit at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the student's thigh 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.

Tie

A 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. If not worn under a blazer, this item is mandatory. For the academic year 2023-24 only, students in Year 8- 11 may choose to wear the old Bodmin College logoed jumper.

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.

Socks

Students may wear black socks or black tights. Socks must not display any logos and are available from most supermarkets/high street stores. White socks are not permitted.

Uniform Guide and Information

Uniform

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, canvas, suede material, trainers, large logos



Personal Appearance

- All students should have shirts tucked in.
- All socks/tights must be black. White socks are not permitted.
- Hair should be of a single natural shade and should be worn in a conventional style. Hair should not be cut to less than a grade 2.
- Ties should not be written on or defaced with exception of a name permitted on the underside.
- No facial studs are permitted. Clear nose retainers may **not** be worn.
- Two small stud earrings in either one or both ears are allowed.
- Students are permitted to wear a watch to school. No further jewellery, aside from the earrings mentioned above, is allowed (e.g 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.
- Make up is not permitted in KS3 (Year 7, 8 and 9)
- KS4 students (Years 10 and 11) may wear light touch make up e.g light moisturising foundation, light mascara, clear lip balm, natural colours.
- Fake eyelashes are not acceptable.

PE Kit

| 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 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) |
| <p><u>Optional Extra:</u></p> <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 & Hockey)**

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)
- ✓ **Earrings (studs) must also be removed.**

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.
- 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 potentially be confiscated as not permitted.
- 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)