

# Bodmin College

## Uniform FAQs – June 2023

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## Rationale

### Why is the uniform changing?

At Bodmin College, we want the very best for our students: excellent behaviour, excellent attendance, excellent teaching and learning, excellent outcomes and excellent uniform. 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. Moreover, our new uniform removes any additional pressures for students to wear expensive, branded trainers or hoodies as these will no longer be allowed as of September 2023.

## Cost

### How do I access the 50% reduction in price for a blazer?

Keywear will apply the 50% school contribution to any purchase of a blazer from June 2023 to July 2024. Please complete an intent to order form which is provided here: <https://forms.office.com/e/4Mpnr8JpYb>.

This will help ensure Keywear have adequate stock for the coming months.

### If I buy a blazer later in the academic year, am I still entitled to a 50% subsidy?

Yes, student will be entitled to a 50% reduction on their first blazer during the academic year 2023-2024.

## Purchasing Uniform

### Why do I have to indicate the blazer size I would like on the survey?

The completed surveys will be shared with Keywear uniforms to allow them to draw down against stock to meet demand. This is an intention to order and an indication of size **not** an order. An order will still need to be completed at a later date either online, in store or at one of the evenings where Keywear are in college. There will not be a problem if you find you need to change the size when you come to complete the order.

### Do trousers/skirts/shorts have to be purchased from Keywear?

Trousers, skirts and shorts are available to be purchased from Keywear Uniforms in Truro. They have a range of sizes as detailed in a later question.

We understand that some families may prefer a cheaper alternative and therefore have met with ASDA to look at close match alternatives. Listed below are the ASDA alternatives which will be accepted. To support families further with making correct uniform choices, we are working with ASDA Bodmin to clearly label acceptable items as Bodmin College items in their Bodmin store.

### ASDA Uniform Links

We will accept the following uniform items from ASDA.

Grey shorts: <https://direct.asda.com/george/school/shorts/boys-grey-regular-fit-slim-leg-school-short-2-pack/GEM733314,default,pd.html?cqid=D10M1G1C17>

Grey skirt (plus fit also available in same skirt): [https://direct.asda.com/george/school/girls-school-skirts/girls-grey-pleated-school-skirt-2-pack/GEM984931\\_default,pd.html?cgid=D10M2G1C10](https://direct.asda.com/george/school/girls-school-skirts/girls-grey-pleated-school-skirt-2-pack/GEM984931_default,pd.html?cgid=D10M2G1C10)

Grey trousers: [https://direct.asda.com/george/sale-offers/kids/boys-grey-slim-leg-school-trousers-5-pack/GEM935600\\_default,pd.html?cgid=D55M6G1C1](https://direct.asda.com/george/sale-offers/kids/boys-grey-slim-leg-school-trousers-5-pack/GEM935600_default,pd.html?cgid=D55M6G1C1)

[https://direct.asda.com/george/school/trousers/boys-grey-regular-leg-school-trousers-2-pack/GEM957423\\_default,pd.html?cgid=D10M1G1C16](https://direct.asda.com/george/school/trousers/boys-grey-regular-leg-school-trousers-2-pack/GEM957423_default,pd.html?cgid=D10M1G1C16)

[https://direct.asda.com/george/school/trousers/girls-grey-slim-leg-school-trousers-2-pack/GEM937035\\_default,pd.html?cgid=D10M2G1C21](https://direct.asda.com/george/school/trousers/girls-grey-slim-leg-school-trousers-2-pack/GEM937035_default,pd.html?cgid=D10M2G1C21)

### Where can I purchase the uniform?

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)  *ASDA alternatives available*	Compulsory (available from Keywear)  *ASDA 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, polishable 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)

### Where do I purchase a tie from?

We are excited to introduce our new Bodmin College tie. The tie brings the new uniform together whilst also maintaining the Bodmin College and Cornish identity with the black and gold colours. All students will be issued with a brand new tie (free of charge) on the first day in September.

If you require additional or replacement ties, they will be available from the Bodmin College shop for £5.



### How do I purchase uniform from Keywear?

Uniform can be purchased online and either collected from their Truro store or delivered to home (£5.95 delivery cost) or to Bodmin College (no delivery charge).

Uniform can also be purchased in store. The store's address is: 1 Church Walk, Truro, TR1 1JH. It is open 9am-4pm on weekdays and 9am-1pm on Saturdays.

### Can my child try the uniform on?

Yes, Keywear have changing rooms at their Truro store.

Alternatively, blazers will be available in sizes from 32" - 40" chest to try on at Bodmin College between 3:45pm and 4pm every school day from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

### What is the cost of uniform items from Keywear Uniform?

Items vary in price due to VAT. VAT is chargeable on all items deemed to fit a child over 13 years of age. Please see the table below.

Item	VAT free cost	Price including VAT
	Up to (and including) 34"	Over 34"
Blazer	£32.00 (first blazer £16.00)	£38.00 (first blazer £19.00)
Jumper	£21.00	£24.00
	Up to (and including) 28"	Over 28"
Trousers (Senior Boys Fit)	£15.00	£18.50
Trousers (Senior Girls Fit)	£20.00	£26.00
Skirt	£19.50	£25.00
Shorts	TBC	TBC

### Can my child wear the old Bodmin College jumper next year?

Students may choose to wear their old Bodmin College school jumper next year as we begin to phase these out. Students in Years 8 to 11 next year may choose to wear a jumper instead of, or as well as a blazer. Students in Year 7 may choose to wear a jumper as well as a blazer.

### Can I buy uniform from Wovina?

Wovina have some old stock available including the old style jumper and the PE top. These can be purchased via their website at a reduced price and also in their store.

<https://www.wovina.com/collections/schoolwear-4-c>

### What will this look like at the Year 7 Induction Evening?

During the Year 7 Induction Evening, there will be an opportunity to purchase uniform. Keywear Uniform and Fitness for Sport will be available to purchase school uniform and PE kit.

### How will Bodmin College support families who are struggling to purchase uniform?

Please get in touch ASAP if you have any concerns around purchasing uniform for your child. We will be able to support. From September, you will be able to contact the Pastoral Support Worker attached to your child's year group. For now, please contact our Assistant Head, Mrs Armstrong ([cg@bodmincollege.co.uk](mailto:cg@bodmincollege.co.uk))

## Uniform Items

### **What sizes of uniform are available? Do Keywear Uniform cater for plus-sizes?**

Blazers will be stocked in a unisex fit with sizes ranging from a 26" to a 42" chest size.

If your child requires a size smaller than a 26" or larger than a 42", Keywear Uniforms will be able to order these.

Trousers will be stocked in a range of fits and sizes including varying leg lengths. All trousers and shorts from Keywear have internal waist adjusters.

Whilst Bodmin College wish for any student to be able to wear any item of uniform and for these not to relate to a specific gender, the supplier to Keywear offer the following fits. Please choose the style/fit which best suits your child irrespective of gender.

- Senior Girls Trouser (these offer a more fitted style)
- Senior Boys Trouser (these offer a less fitted style)
- Sturdy Fit Trouser (these offer more room around the waist and a shorter leg length)

Skirts and shorts will also be available at Keywear.

### **What are the blazers like?**

The students who have tried the blazers, including our Student Council Representatives, have all been pleased with the quality of the blazers and the number of pockets they have. They are also machine washable.

### **How will Bodmin College cater for students who have sensory needs relating to wearing uniform?**

Our mainstream and Greenfield SENDCos will support students and families to ensure that the needs are met of any students with identified sensory needs.

### **What socks/tights do students need to wear?**

Students should wear plain black socks/tights; white socks are not to be worn. Black socks are also part of the PE uniform so no white socks will be present on school site at all.

## Uniform Policy

### **How will Bodmin College ensure consistency across the whole school?**

Our aim is to offer as much clarity as possible around the new uniform and whilst we recognise that this document is lengthy, we hope that it will support students and families to make uniform choices in line with our acceptable items.

### **Will uniform be required all year for year 11/will uniform be required for sixth form students?**

Year 11 will be expected to wear uniform for the duration of Year 11.

Post 16 students (students in Year 12 and 13) are not expected to wear uniform but are expected to meet the acceptable dress code as detailed in the handbook issued to students/parents in September.

### **Will students be expected to keep their blazers on at all times?**

We expect students to wear their jumper or blazer when transitioning around the school site, when entering and when leaving classrooms. Within classrooms, students may remove their blazer/jumper with the permission of their teacher.

### **What length do skirts/trousers need to be?**

Skirts should be at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the student's thigh length and should not be rolled up at the waist band.

Trousers should reach at least the ankles, should not be cropped and should not be rolled up.

### **Can socks/tights be worn?**

Socks or tights can be worn and need to be black. No white socks are permitted. Students should bring a separate pair of socks for PE lessons; these should also be black

### **What shoes will be accepted?**

We recognise the financial pressures associated with buying branded shoes/trainers for school. We wish for a uniform where students feel a sense of belonging whilst also removing the additional pressures for students of deciding what to wear and meeting the expectations of their peers.

Shoes should therefore be plain black, polishable or patent, and unbranded with no logos. Sports trainers are not accepted; students should have a pair of trainers for PE.

Shoes that will no longer be acceptable from September 2023 include: hi-tops, canvas material, trainers, branded items with logos and any style of boot.

No black trainers will be allowed from September such as: Vans, Nike Air Force 1s or similar branded trainers.

Below is a range of acceptable shoes along with where they can be purchased.

#### **ASDA**



#### **Clarks**



## NEXT



These images are for illustrative purposes only. Shoes can be purchased from other stores in line with the expectations above.

### Are there any changes to the rules around make up/piercings and hair styles?

The following is part of our Personal Appearance Policy.






- All students should have shirts tucked in.
- 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 are **not** to 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.
- All socks/tights must be black. White socks are not permitted.



## PE Kit

### Are there any changes to the existing Bodmin College PE kit?

The PE kit will not be changing although there are some optional items available should you wish to purchase those. Please see the table below. Existing PE kit will still be accepted.

Compulsory Bodmin College PE Kit Items	Available From
Bodmin College PE Top 	Only available from Fitness for Sport (£11.75)
Choice of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plain black shorts,</li> <li>• Plain black leggings or</li> <li>• Plain black tracksuit trousers</li> </ul> 	Available from Fitness for Sport Available from your choice of supplier
Black football socks 	Available from Fitness for Sport (£4.95) 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"> <li>• Compulsory for boys</li> <li>• Optional for girls</li> </ul>	Available from your choice of supplier – (PE dept. happy to advise on suitable retailers)
<b><u>Optional Extra:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bodmin College PE Jacket</li> <li>• Bodmin College PE ¼ Zip Top or mid-layer</li> </ul>	Available from Fitness for Sport Available from your choice of supplier



**Items we strongly recommend for PE:** 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)
- ✓ Studs must also be removed.

### **New Ear Piercings**

- **Earrings = 6 weeks**
- Any students with new piercings should come ready for the lesson, with earrings adequately taped.
- Students with new piercings that have been taped can only take part in activities that the teacher feels are safe to do so.
- In relation to new ear piercings, please provide a note in the student planner with date of when the piercing was received and when it is safe to remove. After this time, the piercing will need to be removed. Failing to do so, will result in a sanction as per the school behaviour policy.

### **Where do I order PE kit from?**

PE kit is available to be ordered online using the following link:

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

Parents/Carers of new Year 7s will be able to purchase items on the Yr7 Induction Evening on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July\*.

*\*Parents/Carers who order items on the Yr7 Induction Evening will receive free student initials on their kit and free delivery to school.*