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Bodmin College
Uniform & Appearance Policy

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School Uniform

At Bodmin College, our uniform is much more than clothing – it is a visible sign that every student belongs to our community. It reflects *The AIR We Breathe* and the values that define us:

Ambition, Integrity and Respect.

Wearing the correct uniform demonstrates **Ambition** by showing students are ready to learn, aspire to their best and prepare for the world beyond school. It reflects **Integrity** by doing the right thing every day, even when no one is watching, and taking pride in representing the College. It shows **Respect** for themselves, each other and our community by creating a smart, inclusive environment where everyone feels they belong.

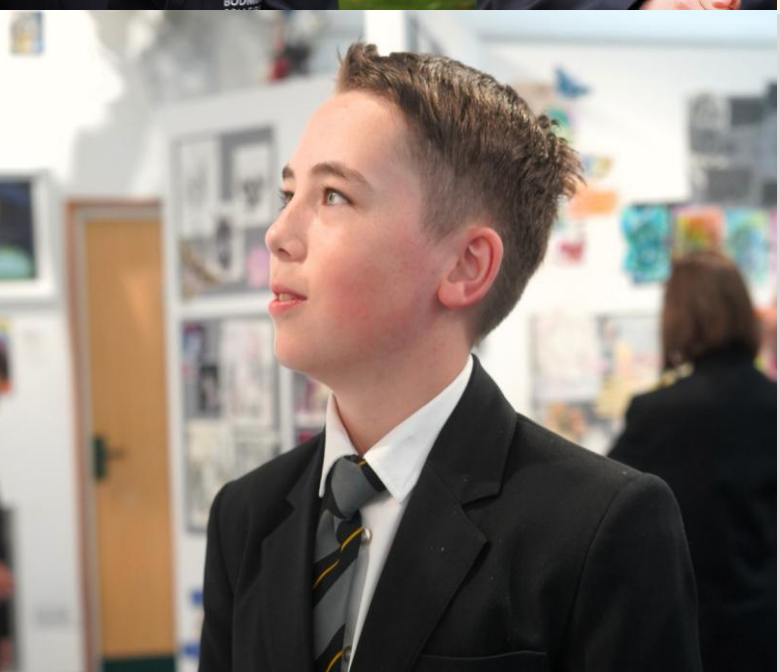
First impressions matter. Arriving at school in the correct uniform helps establish positive habits, promotes equality and keeps the focus on learning rather than fashion or expensive brands. A consistent approach to uniform also helps create the calm, purposeful culture in which every student can thrive.

Vision

Our school uniform is a visible expression of *The AIR We Breathe* – **Ambition, Integrity and Respect**. It promotes equality, strengthens our sense of belonging and encourages every student to take pride in themselves and in Bodmin College. By wearing the correct uniform, students demonstrate our shared values and contribute to a positive, inclusive and purposeful learning environment where everyone can thrive.

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.



School Uniform Update – September 2026

We are committed to keeping our uniform affordable. In line with the Department for Education's guidance, we have reduced the number of compulsory branded items and offer a pre-loved uniform scheme to support families. By working together to ensure students arrive in the correct uniform every day, we reinforce our shared values and create the high standards that enable every young person to succeed. Our uniform suppliers and pre-loved uniform details can be found at the

Mandatory Branded Items:

We are committed to ensuring that our uniform remains affordable, offers families choice, and provides good value for money.

The following are the only compulsory branded items that students will need:

School Blazer, School Tie, School PE Top

Mandatory

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. The blazer can be purchased from **Keywear Uniform** & **Cornwall Screen Print.**

Mandatory

Tie

A Bodmin College tie is a **mandatory** item that 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. The tie can only be purchased directly from **Bodmin College.**

Optional

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. The jumper can be purchased from **Keywear Uniform** & **Cornwall Screen Print.**

Unbranded Item

White 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 remain tucked in at all times.

Unbranded Items

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

Unbranded Item

Socks

Students must wear plain black socks which present above the ankle (no trainer or ankle socks). Socks must not display any logos and are available from most supermarkets/high street stores. White socks are not permitted.

Advice

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.

Coats

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.

Shoes

School shoes should be plain black and made from leather or leather like material that is polishable 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. As per the above pictures, formal school shoes usually have a structured heel.

We WILL NOT accept:

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

Earrings & Other Piercings

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, that must be removable for all PE lessons.

Jewellery

No further jewellery, aside from the ear studs mentioned, is allowed (e.g no rings, bracelets, necklaces, anklets).

Students are permitted to wear a watch to school. Smart watches are not permitted.

Hairstyles

Hair should be of a single natural shade and should be worn in a conventional style. Tramlines in the hair / eyebrows or extreme hair styles are not acceptable. Hair accessories should be functional and discreet.

Make-up

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.

False nails, gel nails or painted nails are not acceptable in any circumstances.

Clothing

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. 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.

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 into their PE kit and participate in the lesson as far as the injury allows e.g. in a coaching/officiating role.

Mandatory

PE Top

The Bodmin College PE Top is a **mandatory** item of PE kit. The PE top can be Purchased from all 3 of our uniform providers- **Keywear Uniform, Cornwall Screen Print & Fitness for Sport**

Optional

Shorts/Leggings/Tracksuit

Branded PE bottoms are black and have a Bodmin logo **(optional.)** Plain none branded alternatives are acceptable but must be either loose-fitting shorts or plain black leggings/tracksuit trousers (not flared or wide leg). Branded items can be purchased from **Fitness for Sport.**

Unbranded Item

Black Football Socks

Plain black football socks are compulsory for **all** PE lessons.

Trainers

Trainers should be appropriate for sport, must not be the student's school shoes and should not have a flat sole.

Studded Boots

For winter / spring field activities such as football and rugby.

Optional

Optional Extras

The Bodmin College PE Jacket and ¼ Zip Top or Mid-layer are **optional** extras. Branded items can be purchased from **Fitness for Sport.**

Compulsory Items for PE

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

- Gum Shield (Rugby) - can be purchased from the PE Office for £2
- Shin pads (Football)

Jewellery & Hair Expectations for PE

- All hair that falls below the chin must be tied up
- Fitness watches need to be removed (except for cross-country and fitness)
- Ear studs must also be removed for all PE lessons, taping or covering is not permitted.

Recommended Items for PE

We strongly recommend that girls wear sports bras for safe and comfortable participation in PE.

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
- Homework Booklet
- Student Pack
- Knowledge Organiser (8-10) / Course Reader (Y7)

Uniform 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/

Cornwall Screen Print
https://www.cornwallscreenprint.co.uk/product-category/schoolwear/secondary-schools/bodmin-college/

PE Kit - Fitness for Sport
https://www.fitnessforsport.co.uk/online-sports-shop-plymouth/School-PE-Kit-c148670504

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Pre-Loved Uniform

We are pleased to offer a Pre-Loved Uniform Scheme, helping families access good-quality school uniform at a reduced cost while supporting sustainability.

If you would like to request pre-loved uniform for your child or donate good-quality uniform, please email.
bodminpreloveduniform@bodmin.celtrust.org

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 2022)