



Uniform Policy

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Staff Lead	Headteacher

Significant revisions since the last review:

One branded item, 'black and gold school hoody with school badge' has now become optional in order to comply with Dfe 'Cost of School Uniform' (October 2025)

Footwear guidance has changed to allow plain black trainers. This is to support cost reduction for parents and carers whilst maintaining our high standards of appearance.

This policy takes into account

- DfE Cost of school uniforms – 23rd October 2025 (Statutory guidance)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>

- DfE Developing School Uniform Policy – 7th November 2025 (Guidance)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>

Rationale

Our uniform shows that we are part of the Boroughbridge High School. We have the highest expectations from our students with regards to school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that our high standards provide a sense of belonging and identity, promote positive behaviour, support effective teaching and learning and contribute to the ethos of the School.

'We wear our uniform with pride.' reflects our value of being Respectful.

Aims and objectives

The Boroughbridge High School Uniform aims to:

- identify the children within Boroughbridge High School;
- engender a sense of community and belonging to the School;
- instil a sense of pride and loyalty in the School;
- make children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is practical and smart;
- is fair and promotes equality taking into account protected characteristics.

Guidelines

1. All students should wear the uniform when attending School and when representing the School.
2. We ask all parents/carers who send their children to Boroughbridge High School to support the School Uniform Policy. Parents/carers should send their children to school dressed correctly, ready for their studies, ensuring that the uniform is clean and in good repair. To support parents/carers we have a pre-loved uniform store which is stocked mostly with donated items of uniform. These are washed and ironed before being put into the store. Students and parents/carers/carers can access this.
3. All staff at Boroughbridge High School should support the School Uniform Policy by promoting and maintaining high expectations with regards to uniform and appearance in lessons.
4. The Governing Body is responsible for implementing the School Uniform Policy. It liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity, and that it meets all regulations relating to equal opportunities including complying with the Human Rights Act 1998 and Equality Act 2010 and taking into account key considerations such as safeguarding requirements and the health and safety of their pupils.
5. Boroughbridge High School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If any parents/carers would like the School to modify the uniform policy (e.g. on religious grounds), they should make a written representation in the first instance to the Headteacher - the Governing Body will consider such requests sympathetically.

Non-compliance with the School's Uniform Policy

6. Students will firstly be asked to correct their uniform. If this is not possible, students will be asked to wear uniform from the pre-loved uniform store. Alternatively, parents/carers of students who do not wear the correct uniform will be contacted by school and asked to bring the correct uniform into school.

Subsequent non-compliance may result in a student receiving a sanction in line with the Behaviour for Learning Policy. This could include the student being taught in isolation at school until such compliance.

7. Students who wear excessive make-up/nail varnish or excess jewellery will be asked to remove these. Items of jewellery may be confiscated by staff members.

8. Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the School's Uniform Code may result in suspension.

Please note that many retailers sell fashion garments labelled as school uniform but these items do not necessarily meet the School's requirements. If in doubt, please contact the School.

Conclusion

Boroughbridge High School is very proud of the high standards we achieve in all areas of school life. Students represent not only themselves but also their families and communities, and we therefore ask that students maintain a high standard of appearance and wear their uniform with pride at all times.

School Uniform & PE Kit List

School Uniform

All students at Boroughbridge High School are responsible for wearing the correct uniform and maintaining the highest possible standards of appearance. The uniform is as follows:-

- Black blazer with school badge (**branded**)
- Plain white shirt with collar

- School tie – Clip-on black with gold stripe
- Plain V-neck black knitted jumper or cardigan (Optional)
- Black trousers of smart, formal style with black socks **or** approved skirt (**branded**) with school badge from official suppliers with tights which are black, opaque, minimum 40 denier
- Black, flat shoes. These should be sensible in style and be safe for wearing in school buildings. Plain black trainers are permitted but please note that students will be expected to bring different trainers for PE.
- Outdoor coat of sensible design
- Year 11 students may wear their 'Leavers' Hoody' when given permission after a date TBC
- The black blazer is not compulsory when Summer uniform is permitted at the discretion of the Headteacher. If this becomes the case, then it will be communicated to parents/carers and students.
- Jewellery - Students may wear one small plain stud per ear and one small nose stud. They must be removed during PE lessons for safety reasons. Any new piercings that require a 'healing period' should only take place during school holidays that are long enough to accommodate this healing process.

No other piercings are permitted.

- Hair should be of a natural colour and style or students may style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable.
- Students may have short false or painted nails.

The following must not be worn in school:

- Heavy make-up
- Heavy boots or canvas shoes/pumps
- Items made of denim, cord or leather

If you are in any doubt as to what is acceptable, please contact the school and check.

Some things get lost during the course of a year, so please ensure all items of uniform are clearly marked with child's name.

PE Kit Essential Clothing and Footwear:

- Black and gold school hoody with school badge (**branded**) (Optional)
- Black and gold polo shirt with school badge (**branded**)
- Plain black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms or leggings with a gold splash (sold by school uniform stockists)
- Plain white ankle socks or black/gold sports socks
- Trainers (trainers for inside use should be clean and non-marking)
- Football boots or studded trainers (essential for all students)
- Safety shin guards

Boroughbridge High School uniform and PE Kit can be purchased from the following suppliers:

Rawcliffes Schoolwear Centre, Rawcliffe Corner, East Parade, Harrogate Tel: 01423 504130

Broadbank & Empson, 3 Chapel Street, Knaresborough Tel: 01423 860447

Ripon Uniform Shop, 64 Blossomgate, Ripon Tel: 01765692233

Kool Kids Uniform Shop, 17 North Street Wetherby Tel: 01937 589422

PLEASE NOTE **a.** All personal equipment should be clearly named **b.** Students are advised not to bring valuables to PE lessons **c.** Students are advised to hand in valuables to PE staff at the beginning of their lesson as changing rooms are not always locked during lessons.

Preloved Uniform Store

We have a preloved uniform store which stocks donated good quality, clean uniform items which are available to families who require support. If you would like information about what we have in stock, please contact schooladmin@boroughbridgehigh.com

Donations of used uniform are always gratefully received.