

Uniform

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students and anyone arriving at school in non-uniform clothing should expect to be **sent home to change or to work independently, under supervision.**

Our uniform policy aims to achieve:

- A sense of pride, community and belonging
- A feeling that students are all equal to their peers
- Support positive Behaviour for Learning
- Prepare students for dress codes in the world of work
- Protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way

The correct uniform code is as follows (clarification is shown with the attached images). Items can be purchased from School Uniform Direct, 1 Park Court, 1 Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, KT14 6SD. Telephone:020 8646 4777; Online: <https://www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk/schools>

Uniform Requirements

- Black blazer with school badge (coats or hoodies are not to be worn in the school building)
- White shirt to be worn tucked in or V neck blouse
- School tie to be worn, with ten stripes showing if wearing a shirt that buttons to the neck
- BDB logo skirt only, or plain black tailored full-length trousers (not jeans/leggings or any trousers which show the shape of the leg)
- Plain black low-heeled shoes (not backless or canvas/boots)

Uniform Rules

- All items of clothing should be **clearly marked with the student's name.**
- **Coats and hoodies** are not to be worn inside the school building.
- **Skirts** should be no shorter than knee length and the logo should be visible.
- **Trousers** are to be full-length (not cropped/above the ankle) and plain (no decorative buttons). Very low cut hipsters, pinstripes, jeans, cords or leggings which show the shape of the leg are not acceptable. Jeans sold as 'trousers' which are denim cotton or have obvious stitching/studs on pockets are not acceptable.
- Broad fashion belts are not part of the uniform and must not be worn.
- The dress code is for **black leather/synthetic shoes**. Training shoes are only to be worn for PE and students should not have to be asked to change back into shoes during the school day. Backless or black canvas shoes (Vans or Converse) or boots are not acceptable.
- **Jewellery** is not to be worn apart from **one pair of stud earrings (no hoops), a watch and one small finger ring**. Bracelets and necklaces should not be worn at any point in school and can be requested to be removed. Facial and tongue piercings are not allowed at BDB.
- Extreme haircuts are **not** appropriate for school, hair should not be coloured/patterned, for example, 'Steps'/'Dip dyed'/'Tramlines'. Hair should not be cut below a number 1.
- In **Years 7 and 8 make-up is not permitted**. Students in **years 9–10** can wear **discreet make-up** and staff have the right to request excessive make up is removed.
- Coloured nail varnish and acrylic nails must **not** be worn.
- **False eyelashes** are not permitted.
- **Head scarves/hijabs** may be worn for religious reasons. Hijabs should be **plain black without decoration**. Scarves and pashmina shawls are outdoor clothing and need to be removed on entering the school building.
- **Hooded Tops** must not be worn at any time. If they are seen they will be confiscated until the end of the school day.