

Uniform Policy

Independent Day and Boarding School for Boys and Girls

Royal Hospital School

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School Dress and General Appearance

School Policy Document sent to all pupils and parents.

School Uniform

	Boys	Girls
Years 7, 8, 9:	Dark Grey trousers Blue shirt School tie Navy v-neck sweater School shoes	Skirt Blue shirt School tie Navy v-neck sweater School shoes Navy ankle socks or tights
	Overcoat Naval uniform	Overcoat Naval uniform

Blazers are also issued and worn on Sundays and other special occasions.

Years 10 & 11: As Year 9 but with blazer. House Prefects in Year 11 will be awarded a white shirt.
Sixth Form: Boys: navy suit and white shirt. Woollen coat.
Girls: navy suit and white blouse. Black tights. Woollen coat.

School uniform should be worn by all pupils during lesson time and at official School functions - Chapel, Concerts etc. If receiving a presentation in Assembly, or for Sunday Chapel or when acting as a guide all pupils will wear blazer and tie.

Shirt sleeve order

During warmer weather, the Heads of School (in consultation with the Deputy Headmaster) may allow the School to wear shirt sleeve order. Blazers (or jumpers) may be removed and sleeves should be rolled above the elbow. It is not appropriate for jumpers to be rolled at the elbow.

Casual Dress

Sixth Form pupils may wear casual dress after lesson time. This clothing must be clean and for boys includes a T-shirt or shirt and trousers and for girls an unrevealing top, skirt/dress or trousers. Pupils below Sixth Form are allowed to wear casual clothes after supper on weekdays, after Games on Saturday afternoon, (unless they are hosting visiting teams), and when not involved in official School activities on a Sunday. Shorts may be worn in warm weather but not running shorts or shorts made of stretch fabric. Shorts, skirts and dresses must be mid-thigh length or longer. Shoulders must be covered. It is inappropriate to wear baseball caps or similar, inside School buildings.

Dress for School Visits

Below Sixth Form: School uniform.

Sixth Form: Smart civilian clothes may be worn depending on the formality of the occasion.

Staff organising the trip should use their discretion and check with Deputy Headmaster or Senior Mistress if they are in doubt.

Miscellaneous

Scarves, Hats and Gloves. Scarves worn with School uniform must be either the official School scarf or a plain navy or black scarf un-embazoned with logos, football team names etc. Sixth Form pupils only may wear scarves of a plain, tasteful and non-garish colour. Woolly hats may be worn in very cold weather when the same rules apply, i.e. they should be of a tasteful plain colour and un-embazoned by logos, apart from the official School crest. Neither hats nor scarves should be worn inside buildings.

Smartness. Pupils should be inspected in the morning and no-one should leave the house wearing dirty or damaged clothing. It is the duty of all staff to challenge any pupil who is not wearing correct uniform or is wearing uniform incorrectly, i.e. ties not done up properly, shirt outside skirt or trousers.

Hair

1. Hair should be neat and tidy at all times. During the working day the overall effect should be one that is in keeping with the standards of the School and with the wearing of naval uniform.
2. The dyeing of hair is very strongly discouraged. Hair must be of a single natural looking colour, which does not differ significantly from the pupil's own hair colouring.
3. Boys' hair must be cut so that it is clear of the collar at the back and above the ears.
4. Girls' hair should be tied back fully and off the shoulders if shoulder length or longer and with naval uniform secured in a bun net. Shorter hair should be clipped or pinned back from the face.
5. For safety reasons when using machinery in the Design Department, hair must not be able to come down below the eyebrows.
6. There must not be a sharp contrast between the long hair on top and the short hair at the sides and back.
7. Lines or designs are not permitted. Shaving (less than grade 3) is also unacceptable.
8. Pupils may not cut their own or other pupils' hair.
9. Hair extensions and beading are not permitted.
10. Hairbands/clips should blend in with hair colour.
11. Earrings and other piercing. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. No other form of facial or body piercing is permitted for either sex. Regulations concerning jewellery are given below.

Dining Hall Dress

Pupils are not allowed to wear Games Kit in the Dining Hall unless specifically told to do so by the PE Department, in which case a clean tracksuit should be worn.

Strapless T-shirts/dresses and very short skirts are also forbidden.

Shorts of a reasonable length (see 4.6.2 above) are acceptable in warm weather.

School blazers should not be removed in the Dining Hall.

Breach of the Rules on School Dress and Appearance

A breach of these Rules will be dealt with under the School's Behaviour Policy.

Guidelines for Girls' Jewellery and Make-up

With School Uniform

Jewellery:

Valuables are brought to School at the Pupil's own risk.

1. In Years 7 – 11 girls with pierced ears are allowed to wear one small plain gold, silver or pearl stud in each earlobe. Earrings are not allowed to be worn in any other part of the ear. No other form of facial/ body piercing or tattooing is allowed. The Sixth Form may wear a small stud jewelled in a discreet colour.
2. Sixth Form only: one plain ring or simple signet ring. A plain chain can also be worn.
3. Crosses, crucifixes or St Christopher medals may be worn under clothing except when wearing naval uniform or when playing sport. No other form of jewellery is permitted.

Make-up (limited amount)

This is for Year 11 and Sixth Form girls only. It should be discreet - mascara, light foundation, neutral lipstick and natural nail varnish only.

With Casual Clothes

Jewellery:

1. As for above but other reasonable styles of earrings are allowed to be worn.
2. Chains, bracelets and friendship bands may be worn, so long as they are removable. Such items are not allowed in School uniform unless for specific medical reasons.

Make-up

As for uniform, but no age limit.

Hair

See above: girls are allowed to wear their hair loose.

General guidelines for casual clothes

1. A limited number may be brought back to School because of storage space. They must all be clearly marked with the owner's name.
2. Short skirts, see through and revealing tops etc. are not appropriate to wear at School.
3. Clothes should be kept clean and repaired.

Breach of the Rules on Jewellery and Make-up

A breach of these Rules will be dealt with under the School's Behaviour Policy.

Pupils' PE & Games Kit and Equipment

Standardisation of PE Kit. Each house has a Matron who issues the kit to the pupils at the start of each term. The Matron deals with the washing arrangements for the kit; the School has its own laundry. The Matron marks and numbers all the kit for identification, pupils should mark all other sports gear. All pupils are expected to purchase a school tracksuit and swimming costume from the school Stores. No other tracksuit or costume should be used for school matches or games/swimming lessons.

P E Kit supplied by the school:

Boys

Blue aertex shirts
Navy blue shorts
Navy blue rugby shirt
Green rugby shirt
Rugby shorts
Sweatshirt
White socks
Navy blue knee length sports socks

Girls

Blue aertex shirts
Athletics shorts
Navy blue games skirt
Green rugby shirt
White socks
Navy blue knee length socks

Boys/girls must provide the following PE kit:

Boys

Towels
Additional white socks
Shin pads
Mouth guards (see 4.8.4)
Scrum caps
Football/rugby boots which must be black (no coloured boots)
Indoor trainers/footwear (to have predominately white uppers and white soles)
Outdoor trainers/footwear (predominately white)
Swimming goggles

Girls

Towels
Additional white socks
Plain navy shorts (optional)
Shin pads
Mouth guards (see 4.8.4)
Hockey/football boots which must be black (no coloured boots)
Indoor trainers/footwear (to have Predominately white uppers and white soles)
Outdoor trainers (predominately white)
Swimming goggles
Navy blue hairbands/bobbles

School swimming trunks/costumes and hats are issued by Stores through House Matrons on a pupil's arrival at the School and a charge is made for these on the first term's bill.

The School provides some equipment for all activities but pupils are encouraged to bring their own tennis racquets, badminton racquets, etc. and additional white socks which must be clearly marked. All pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will require their own hockey sticks.

Mouthguards for Contact Sports

The wearing of mouthguards for rugby and hockey (and other 'contact sports') is now mandatory for all pupils at the Royal Hospital School. It is strongly recommended that mouthguards are custom

made from a dental impression of the teeth. Teachers, coaches and referees are not qualified to assess the quality of a mouthguard and will therefore only be able to ensure that a mouthguard is being worn at the start of a match, and not its standard. This remains the responsibility of the parent/guardian. If pupils do not have their own mouthguard then the School Dentist will arrange for one to be made, once written parental consent is received, the cost of which will be added to the School bill. If a child is undergoing orthodontic treatment it may be necessary to have several gumshields as their mouth changes shape; there is a charge on each occasion for this. The advantage of mouthguards being supplied through the School Dentist is that records will be kept here and the Dentist is on hand to make any adjustments or replacements as necessary.

Team Kit

Some teams are provided with a team kit, which is issued from the PE store. The School laundry deals with all kit washing.

Standardisation of appearance in lessons and for matches.

1. Correct PE games kit to be worn for particular activity.
2. Hair must be tied back.
3. All jewellery and watches must be removed before lessons and placed in the valuables box.
4. Trainers and kit to be clean at all times.
5. Shirts are to be tucked in during lessons. At no time should shirts be removed.
6. School tracksuits should be worn for all School matches. These must be clean and in good order.
7. No combinations of kit should be worn.
8. Games kit, if worn to meals, and only with express permission of games staff, must be clean and pupils must ensure that they are properly attired.

Breach of the Rules on Pupils' PE & Games Kit and Equipment

A breach of these Rules will be dealt with under the School's Behaviour Policy.

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