



SCHOOL UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT

2022/23



SCHOOL UNIFORM & APPEARANCE

For full details of rules on school uniform and appearance, please refer to the Pupil Handbook issued to pupils on entry to the school.

The majority of the Royal Hospital School uniform is available online through an independent school uniform provider, Schoolblazer, at www.schoolblazer.com. This is an easy-to-use website with a unique intelligent sizing system.

Pupils are required to wear school uniform as supplied by Schoolblazer and listed below. Boarding pupils are required to have the quantities of each item stated. There are recommended quantities for day pupils. All items are compulsory except those marked 'O' for optional and where stated.

GIRLS YEARS 7 – 11

	Quantity Boarders	Quantity Day	Compulsory (C) Optional (O)	Supplied by Schoolblazer	Parents may source
Blazer (not Year 7)	2	2	C	Y	
V-neck jumper	2	1	C	Y	
Blouses (2pk)	3	2	C	Y	
Skirt* or Trousers	2	2	C	Y	
Stormproof jacket	1	1	C	Y	
Navy opaque tights (2pk)	3	3	C (or socks)	Y	Y
Navy socks (3pk)	2	2	C (or tights)	Y	Y
RHS scarf	1	1	O	Y	
Laundry bag with zip	2	0	C	Y	Y

GIRLS YEARS 12 & 13

	Quantity Boarders	Quantity Day	Compulsory (C) Optional (O)	Supplied by Schoolblazer	Parents may source
Suit jacket	2	2	C	Y	
Skirt* or Trousers	2	2	C	Y	
Jumper	2	1	O	Y	
Sixth Form blouses (2pk)	3	2	C	Y	
Black opaque tights (3pk)	2	2	C	Y	Y
Overcoat	1	1	C	Y	
RHS scarf	1	1	O	Y	
Laundry bag with zip	2	0	C	Y	Y

*must fall on or just above the knee. Trousers may be worn as an alternative to the skirt.

BOYS YEARS 7 – 11

	Quantity Boarders	Quantity Day	Compulsory (C) Optional (O)	Supplied by Schoolblazer	Parents may source
Blazer (not Year 7)	2	2	C	Y	
V-neck jumper	2	1	C	Y	
Shirt (2pk)	3	2	C	Y	
Trousers	2	2	C	Y	
Stormproof jacket	1	1	C	Y	
Tie	2	2	C	Y	
Black socks (3pk)	2	2	C	Y	Y
RHS scarf	1	1	O	Y	
Laundry bag with zip	2	0	C	Y	Y

BOYS YEARS 12 & 13

	Quantity Boarders	Quantity Day	Compulsory (C) Optional (O)	Supplied by Schoolblazer	Parents may source
Suit jacket	2	2	C	Y	
Suit trousers	2	2	C	Y	
V-neck jumper	2	1	O	Y	
Sixth Form shirt (2pk)	3	2	C	Y	
Sixth Form tie	2	2	C	Y	
Black socks (3pk)	2	2	C	Y	Y
Overcoat	1	1	C	Y	
RHS scarf	1	1	O	Y	
Laundry bag with zip	2	0	C	Y	Y

REPLACEMENT UNIFORM

Although primarily parents' responsibility, matrons will check boarders' uniforms for size and condition throughout the year and will advise parents when they think that new items are needed. Parents should then order the items from Schoolblazer to be delivered to the school. Please note that the school cannot ordinarily order items on behalf of pupils.

SCHOOL SHOES

Boys' shoes must be of black leather that can be polished and suitable for all weather conditions. They must be plain black, laced or slip-on formal shoes with no buckles or decorations. In the Sixth Form they should be in keeping with a business-style suit.

Girls in Years 7 – 11 must wear plain black flat shoes, which can be polished. They must be lace-up, slip-on or with a strap, and must have a sturdy sole suitable for all weather conditions; strapless pumps or fabric shoes are not acceptable. The same rules apply in the Sixth Form, but shoes should be in keeping with a business-style suit; patent leather and small heels (1½ inches) are permitted.

CEREMONIAL UNIFORMS

One naval uniform (worn for ceremonial occasions) including shoes will be provided and fitted by the school. Any damage to this uniform, which is not a result of fair wear and tear, will lead to additional costs. Parents of girls should provide hair accessories, if necessary e.g. black or dark blue hair bands or scrunchies or a bun net and grips to match colour of hair.

COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF) UNIFORMS

A CCF uniform (where appropriate) is provided by the school and issued to all pupils in Year 9 and 10 and those who have opted to do CCF in Year 11 and above. Any damage to this uniform, which is not a result of fair wear and tear, will lead to additional costs. Both boarders and day pupils should keep their CCF uniform at school. A charge will be made for boots, jungle hat and CCF name tapes.

SPORTS KIT

Most items are available to purchase online via Schoolblazer. The list below indicates which items are compulsory and the required quantities for boarders and day pupils. Optional items (O) may or may not be required depending on whether your child is in the school team. We recommend that you only buy the items required for the Michaelmas Term in the first instance.

BOYS YEARS 7 – 13

	Quantity Boarders	Quantity Day	Compulsory (C) Optional (O)	Supplied by Schoolblazer	Parent may source
Rugby match shirt	1	1	C (O Yr11 – 13 non team)	Y	
PE shirt	1	1	C (O Yr12 – 13)	Y	
House shirt	1	1	C	Y	
Fitness T-shirt	1	1	O	Y	
Games shorts	2	2	C	Y	
Senior PE shorts	1	1	O	Y	
Games socks	3	2	C	Y	
Rugby boots	1	1	C	Y	Y
Scrum cap	1	1	O		Y
Mouthguard	1	1	C	Y	Y
Hoodie or mid-layer fleece	1	1	O	Y	
School beanie hat	1	1	O	Y	
Bobble hat	1	1	O	Y	
White PE socks (3pk)	1	1	C	Y	Y
Indoor trainers	1	1	C		Y
Outdoor trainers	1	1	C		Y
Smock top	1	1	O	Y	
Sub coat	1	1	O	Y	
Training pants	1	1	C	Y	
Navy or black base layer top	1	1	C	Y	Y
Navy or black base layer leggings	1	1	O	Y	Y
Swim jammer (long trunks)	1	1	C (O Yr12 – 13)	Y	
Swimming goggles	1	1	C (O Yr12 – 13)	Y	Y
Rash vest	1	1	O	Y	
Sports bag	1	1	C	Y	
Swim hat	1	1	C (O Yr12-13)	Y	
Towel	2	1	C		Y
Shin pads	1	1	C	Y	Y
From Lent Term only					
Hockey stick	1	1	C (O Yr10 – 13 non team)	Y	Y
Astroturf trainers	1	1	C (O Yr10 – 13 non team)	Y	Y
Left hand hockey glove	1	1	O	Y	Y
From Summer Term only					
Athletics singlet	1	1	O	Y	
Running spikes	1	1	O		Y
Tennis racket	1	1	C (O Yr10 – 13 non team)	Y	Y
Cricket shirt	1	1	O (C for team)	Y	
Cricket trousers	1	1	O (C for team)	Y	

Cricket jumper sleeveless	1	1	O	Y	Y
Cricket bat	1	1	O (C for team)	Y	Y
Cricket helmet*	1	1	O (C for team)		Y
Cricket cap	1	1	O	Y	
Cricket abdomen guard (box)	1	1	O (C for team)		Y

GIRLS YEARS 7–13

	Quantity Boarders	Quantity Day	Compulsory (C) Optional (O)	Supplied by Schoolblazer	Parents may source
Hockey/PE shirt	2	2	C	Y	
Fitness T-shirt	1	1	O	Y	
House shirt	1	1	C	Y	
Fitness leggings	1	1	O	Y	
Skort	2	2	C	Y	
Running shorts	1	1	O	Y	
Senior PE shorts	1	1	O	Y	
Games socks	2	2	C	Y	
Shin pads	1	1	C (O Yr11–13 non team)	Y	Y
Hockey stick	1	1	C (O Yr11–13 non team)	Y	Y
Astroturf trainers	1	1	C (O non team)	Y	Y
Left hand hockey glove	1	1	O	Y	Y
Mouthguard	1	1	C	Y	Y
Hoodie or mid-layer fleece	1	1	O	Y	
RHS beanie hat	1	1	O	Y	
Bobble hat	1	1	O	Y	
White PE socks (3pk)	1	1	C	Y	Y
Indoor trainers	1	1	C		Y
Outdoor trainers	1	1	C		Y
Smock top	1	1	O	Y	
Sub coat	1	1	O	Y	
Training pants	1	1	C	Y	
Navy or black base layer top	1	1	C	Y	Y
Navy or black base layer leggings	1	1	O	Y	Y
Swimming costume	1	1	C (O Yr12–13)	Y	
Swimming goggles	1	1	C (O Yr12–13)	Y	Y
Rash vest	1	1	O	Y	
Sports bag	1	1	C	Y	
Swim hat	1	1	C (O Yr12–13)	Y	
Towel	2	1	C		Y
From Summer Term only					
Athletics singlet/shirt	1	1	O	Y	
Running spikes	1	1	O		Y
Tennis racket	1	1	C (O Yr10–13 non team)	Y	Y
Cricket shirt	1	1	O (C for team)	Y	
Cricket jumper sleeveless	1	1	O	Y	Y
Cricket trousers	1	1	O (C for team)	Y	

Cricket bat	1	1	O (C for team)	Y	Y
Cricket helmet*	1	1	O (C for team)		Y
Cricket cap	1	1	O	Y	

*please ensure that the helmet adheres to recommended safety guidelines

The school provides some equipment for most sports activities but pupils in school teams are encouraged to bring their own tennis, squash, badminton rackets, cricket bat etc. if possible, which must be clearly marked.

BOARDING PUPILS

The following is a list of suggested items to bring, but in time you will have a better idea of what your child will need.

Item	Quantity
Slippers or flip flops	1 pair
Wellington/snow boots (in case of poor weather during winter months)	1 pair
Shoes for casual wear	2 pairs
Casual clothing (should be tumble-dry friendly and, as storage is limited, a sensible selection)	3 or 4 outfits
Smart clothes for trips	1 set
Towels for bath/shower and swimming (please do not bring large bath sheets)	3
Duvet	1
Pillow	1
Duvet covers	2
Pillowcases	2
Fitted or flat sheets to fit 2'6" bed	2
Bedding packs can be purchased through the school but the Basic Pack does not include duvet covers as pupils are encouraged to personalise their bed space. Both Basic and Complete Packs include 1 x 10.5 tog duvet, 1 x pillow, 2 x fitted sheets and 2 x pillowcases. The Complete Pack includes 2 x duvet covers.	
Coat hangers (some suitable for trousers or skirts)	5
Suit/dress cover (long) for naval uniform	1
Shoe polishing kit to include polish (Kiwi Parade Gloss recommended), soft lint-free cloth and cotton wool balls.	1
Extra name tapes	Available from Schoolblazer
Dressing gown	1
Nightwear	2 sets
Toilet bag and toiletries (NB no aerosols please)	1
Padlocks with spare keys	2
Boys	
Underpants (mixture of briefs for sport and boxer shorts)	7 pairs (minimum)
Socks for wearing with casual clothes	4 pairs
Trouser belt	1
Girls	
Pants	10 pairs (minimum)
Bras, mainly white or natural	4
Socks/tights – for casual wear	4 pairs

LAUNDRY SERVICE

All the boarding houses have facilities to wash and tumble-dry personal clothing and any items that require laundering at short notice. Matron is responsible for organising the washing and drying of casual clothes, sports kit and uniform and the following items are collected regularly from the boarding houses for washing and drying by the school's laundry service:

- Bed linen
- Towels
- Uniform blouses and shirts
- Uniform skirts
- Uniform jumpers
- Uniform trousers
- Uniform blazers
- Uniform Sixth Form suits
- Uniform sports kit
- CCF kit
- Ceremonial uniform

It is recommended that all clothing is washable rather than 'dry clean only' and can be tumble-dried.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Pupils should take all their belongings home at the end of each term for washing, repairs or, if necessary, replacement. If pupils are travelling overseas, alternative arrangements may be made for storage.

ONLINE SCHOOL SHOP

If you require a top up of school uniform please visit our Online School Shop - <https://www.royalhospitalschool.org/shop>

OTHER SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

Pupils will also require the following items. Some are available from the Online School Shop (OSS) or Schoolblazer (SB) as indicated:

- A school backpack large enough to hold A4 folders is compulsory for all pupils in Years 7 – 9 (OSS)
- Pencil case (SB)
- Writing pen
- Set of fibre tips
- Set of pencils
- Set of coloured pencils
- Ruler (at least 30cm)
- Geometry set containing protractor, compasses and 2 set squares (SB)
- Microsoft Classroom Pen (Years 7 – 11) (OSS)
- A scientific calculator (Casio FX-83GTX). This can either be purchased through the school's Mathematics Department at a cost of £11 each or through Schoolblazer.

An exam set can also be bought from the Online School Shop, consisting of a clear pencil case containing a ruler, rubber, pencil, black pen, blue pen and a pencil sharpener.

OTHER ITEMS (ALL PUPILS)

MONEY

We recommend that parents provide a pocket money allowance of £25 per term for day pupils, £50 per term for boarders in Years 7, 8 and 9 and all 3-Night boarders and £75 per term for boarders in Years 10 to 13. The Finance Department will add this to parents' extras bills accordingly and the amount will be credited to the pupil's pocket money account held by the houses, and issued by the house staff as requested. Any parents wishing to vary the recommended amount – up or down – should email feequeries@royalhospitalschool.org at least 3 weeks before the end of term to provide time for the following term's bills to be amended. Pupils are required to leave any cash with the house staff for safekeeping.

ELECTRICAL ITEMS

Pupils may bring items such as hairdryers (provided they do not exceed 1200 watts and 5 amps), radios, iPods/MP3 players, iPads/tablets and laptop computers. They may not, however, bring televisions, cooking equipment or any high-powered electrical items. If you are unsure whether a particular item is permitted, please consult the Housemaster/Housemistress in advance.

It is a legal requirement to ensure that all electrical equipment is safe to use, therefore, all electrical appliances are tested annually under a process known as Portable Appliance Testing (PAT). School staff conduct this annual testing and any equipment that fails is confiscated and handed to house staff. Please note that from experience, it is overseas travel adaptors that most commonly fail these tests and it is therefore recommended that only adaptors purchased in the UK are brought to school.

BICYCLES

Pupils may bring a bicycle to school if it is required for getting to a co-curricular activity. Bicycles must be in a good state of repair and parents or guardians must give permission by completing the relevant form. Parents or guardians must also take out private insurance for the bicycle and the school cannot accept any responsibility for its safety. Pupils must wear a safety helmet at all times and obtain permission from the house staff before riding the bicycle on a public highway. Pupils can read further details on the rules of bicycles in the Pupil Handbook.

INSURANCE

Please be aware that personal effects and valuables are not covered by the school's insurance. Furthermore, the school regrets that it cannot accept responsibility for pupils' property either on its premises or in connection with any of its activities. You are therefore advised to insure personal property, money, uniform and equipment on loan. Most insurance companies are happy to extend existing household policies and to arrange separate 'all risks' cover for a low additional premium.

MOBILE PHONES

Pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones to school but please refer to the Pupil Handbook (issued to pupils on entry to the school) for rules regarding their use.

DIGITAL DEVICES (YEARS 7 – 11)

All pupils in Years 7 to 11 are required to have a Microsoft Surface as part of their school equipment. These are used in the classroom under the guidance of experienced teachers, as part of a careful blend of progressive educational technology and traditional teaching methods. They are also excellent learning tools which encourage independent learning, inquisitiveness and an appetite for knowledge.

The school prides itself on providing pupils with the best technology available to support their education. This journey started over eight years ago when iPads were introduced as one-to-one learning devices for all pupils.

Recognising the need to best prepare pupils for life beyond the school, particularly for university and the workplace, a phased programme was started in September 2021 to provide all pupils in Years 7-11 with a Microsoft Surface.

NEW PUPILS IN YEARS 7 TO 11

Will receive a Microsoft Surface on joining the school in September 2022. Parents are required to provide a Microsoft Classroom Pen.

DIGITAL DEVICES (SIXTH FORM)

NEW PUPILS IN YEAR 12

Can opt to join the scheme to receive a Microsoft Surface on joining the school in September 2022, in which case parents are required to provide a Microsoft Classroom Pen. However, we recognise that many will prefer to use their own device, such as a laptop or tablet, so we operate a bring-your-own-device system for our sixthformers. If they choose this option the device must have digital ink capabilities. Sixth Form pupils with their own devices will be provided with network access, printing support, Office 365 and OneDrive cloud storage solutions by the school. Most educational apps and subscription services are available as browser versions.

IT support is provided to all pupils whichever device they are provided with or use. Pupils taking Computer Science A Level are strongly recommended to have a Microsoft Surface device so that they can make full use of the facilities in the Computing classroom.

Devices are supplied by the school on a lease agreement and, as part of a termly hire cost, include a protective case, a keyboard and the provision of a replacement should the device become unusable for any reason.

FAQs

WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE A DEVICE I WOULD LIKE TO USE?

All new pupils in Years 7-11 will need to participate in this scheme to access a device that can be used in class. If your child already owns a Surface, they can use this for non-school purposes. In connecting to the school network these personal devices will be protected by the same security and filtering systems.

HOW SECURE WILL THESE DEVICES BE?

Very. As well as the normal age-related security and filtering systems, the school will define the apps available to pupils. This will enable us to restrict the use of Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) which can potentially be used to bypass security arrangements at the school.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

Surfaces cost £99.50 per term. This cost includes a protective case, a keyboard and a protection scheme covering accidental damage, fire and theft (but not loss).

WHAT IF THE DEVICE IS LOST OR DAMAGED?

The device will be covered against accidental damage, fire and theft. There are a maximum of three claims in any three-year period and a maximum of two claims in any 12-month period.

Should a device be lost by a child then the cost of replacing the device will be charged to the parents but this could be covered by personal insurance taken out by the parents or guardians.

LABELLING & ORDERING

Items purchased via Schoolblazer can be labelled free of charge, however, please note that replacement items or those on express delivery are not named. All clothing must be clearly marked with name tapes. The tapes must include the child's first name, surname and house abbreviation as shown below.

Alternatively, we suggest that enough space is left after your child's name to insert an abbreviation at a later date with a laundry pen. When pupils move from a junior house to a senior house, or into Nelson House, items must be re-labelled accordingly.

e.g.

Jonathan Smith DK

Jonathan Smith

The house abbreviations are as follows:

BK	Blake	HD	Hood
CD	Collingwood	HW	Howe
CS	Cornwallis	RL	Raleigh
DK	Drake	SV	St Vincent
HK	Hawke		

Name tapes are also available at <http://www.jjcash.co.uk>. Boots, shoes and other personal non-clothing items should be marked in permanent ink.

The school strongly recommends that valuable items such as iPads, watches, pens, laptop computers etc are engraved with the owner's name and declared to the Housemaster or Housemistress on arrival, so that if lost they may be returned quickly to their owner.

DELIVERY

Schoolblazer normally delivers to home addresses; however, for convenience, pupils living overseas may prefer to have their uniforms delivered direct to the school. The address to be given to Schoolblazer should be as follows:

Pupil name and boarding house name (*all on one line please*)

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Schoolblazer.com was founded by parents for parents to take the chore out of shopping for school uniform.

Our secure online ordering service allows you to shop for uniform and sportswear at your convenience, and we even offer to sew all of the name taped into the garments for free – so throw out the sewing box and enjoy the summer!

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know what sizes to order?

We ask you to input your child's measurements and our Intelligent Sizing System will indicate the recommended size on the shopping page.

However, this is a suggestion only, based on the measurements you have entered. Should you wish to choose an alternative size, you can use the drop-down menu to select this.

What if I need to return an item?

We offer a free returns service so please return any item unsuitable using our online returns tool, and we will either refund or exchange as required.

Do I have to pay for name tapes?

We only charge for the cost of the name tapes and sew them in free of charge.

How long will my order take to be despatched?

We promise to despatch orders within 3 working days, and more swiftly than this wherever possible. FastTrack delivery also available.

I need an item that is showing as out of stock on the website, what should I do?

As an online retailer we typically hold much higher levels of stock than a high street store, but if an item you require is showing as out of stock, please place your order and we will work to supply this as quickly as possible.

What if I need further information or help with my order?

Our Schoolblazer website features lots of useful information including a How to Shop video and more Frequently Asked Questions. Alternatively you can call our Customer Services Team on 0333 7000 703 and they will be happy to help.