

UNIFORM REGULATIONS

Every pupil at Belfast Royal Academy must wear the official School uniform.

Parents are asked to read the uniform list carefully, for we consider their co-operation indispensable in ensuring that pupils present themselves suitably for school, in keeping with our regulations.

They are asked to note particularly:

1. the footwear regulations; in particular, black trainers or canvas shoes are not permitted;
2. that girls' skirts should be worn at the waist, and be mid-calf length;
3. that pullovers and cardigans should be regulation;
4. that the shirt top button should be fastened, the tie neatly knotted and the shirt tucked in at all times;
5. that we ask for your support in ensuring that our pupils come to school with their hair tidy, not dressed in any extreme style, and (especially after holiday periods) not bleached or noticeably tinted.
6. that B.R.A. hoodies are for pupils to wear on school trips, team events or on sporting occasions. The B.R.A. hoody is not an approved item of formal school uniform and should not be worn as a layer of clothing in cold weather or as an alternative to the school pullover, cardigan or blazer.

The regulations about uniform will be enforced and pupils who infringe them may be withdrawn from circulation at break and / or lunch time or sent home. Those who are in any doubt about the interpretation of the regulations should consult their Head of Year **before** buying new clothes or footwear for school.

Pupils seeking temporary permission to wear to school some article of clothing that does not conform with the regulations, for example if clothing has been damaged, should bring a note from home to their Head of Year. The Head of Year will supply a covering note.

Pupils must wear School uniform when they are within the School precincts, when they go to the playing fields for practices or matches, or when they travel elsewhere to represent the School. On Saturdays, however, those who come to the playing fields as spectators need not wear uniform, provided they come suitably dressed.

**ALL ARTICLES OF CLOTHING AND GAMES EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE
CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE OWNER'S NAME – THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT
WITH TRAINING SHOES AND OTHER ITEMS OF P.E. EQUIPMENT.**

The official outfitters are:

- Warnocks Ltd., 791-793 Lisburn Road (100m from Balmoral traffic lights)
- School Days NI Ltd, 434 Newtownards Rd, Belfast, BT4 1HJ
- School Days NI Ltd, 273 Antrim Rd, Glengormley, Newtownabbey, BT36 7QN
- Gordon's & The Jeanery, 10A Green Street, Carrickfergus
- The Jeanery and the School Room, 2 Golland Buildings, Glencairn Park, Glengormley
- The Sports Company, Cityside Retail and Leisure Park, Belfast
- Podium 4 Sport, 40 Montgomery Road, Belfast (Games/P.E. kit only).

BOYS' UNIFORM

1. A single-breasted navy-blue B.R.A. blazer (or a Sixth Form blazer).
2. A B.R.A. tie.
3. A white shirt.
4. Charcoal grey or black flannel trousers. (Any exaggerated styles are unacceptable.)
5. **Plain black or brown leather shoes.** Exaggerated styles are disapproved, and **boots should not be worn.**
6. Socks should be plain, and subdued in colour. Dark Grey is ideal.
7. (a) FORMS I, II AND III:
A regulation mid-grey V-neck pullover with stripe.
(b) FORMS IV, V, LVI AND MVI:
A plain mid-grey V-neck school pullover, stripe optional, or a plain mid-grey V-neck school cardigan.
8. There are no prescribed hats or gloves, but if worn, they should be plain and navy-blue, black, grey or maroon in colour.
9. There are no prescribed uniform top-coats, but if worn, coats should be plain and navy-blue in colour.
10. Outdoor uniform may include a B.R.A. scarf (or a Sixth Form scarf).
11. Schoolbags: books should be carried in a schoolbag which gives good protection against wear and tear.
12. Boys are required to be clean shaven and to keep their hair short and tidy, in a conventional style, clear of their collar and of their eyes. Peculiar or exaggerated styles are unacceptable; **these include closely cropped, bleached, dyed, tinted or highlighted hair, hair worn as curtains over the eyes, and levels, patterns or lines cut into the hair.**
13. Jewellery is not permitted with school uniform: this includes all studs and sleepers.

GIRLS' UNIFORM

1. A single-breasted navy-blue B.R.A. blazer (or a Sixth Form blazer).
2. A B.R.A. tie.
3. A long-sleeved regulation white blouse, buttoning to the neck. In the summer term a regulation white blouse with open neck and short sleeves may be worn.
4. (a) FORMS I, II AND III:
 - (i) A regulation navy-blue skirt (mid-calf length)
 - (ii) A regulation navy-blue V-neck pullover with stripe
 - (iii) During September and in the summer term, plain white ankle socks may be worn. Between the end of September and Easter, plain black heavy-weight tights should replace these socks.
- (b) FORMS IV, V, LVI and MVI:
 - (i) A regulation grey skirt (mid-calf length)
 - (ii) A plain mid-grey V-neck school pullover, stripe optional, or a plain mid-grey V-neck school cardigan
 - (iii) Plain black tights.
5. Plain, black, sturdy leather shoes (not boots), flat or with stable heels no higher than 6 cm (measured at the back of the heel). High-heeled court shoes are not considered suitable. Black boots may be worn in severe winter weather, but should be changed to shoes on arrival in school.
6. There are no prescribed hats or gloves, but if worn, they should be plain and navy-blue, black, grey or maroon in colour.
7. There are no prescribed uniform top-coats, but if worn they should be plain and black or navy-blue in colour. In mild weather girls may carry lightweight fold-away showerproof coats in black or navy-blue.
8. Outdoor uniform may include a regulation B.R.A. scarf (or a Sixth Form scarf).
9. Girls are not permitted to wear jewellery with school uniform (this includes earrings of all types). Jewellery worn in school may be confiscated.
10. Schoolbags: books should be carried in a schoolbag which gives good protection against wear and tear.

11. Girls are required to keep their hair tidy (and tied back in laboratory or workshop situations), and to avoid exaggerated styles or obvious, unnatural colouring of the hair. (Hair should not be bleached or noticeably tinted.)

12. Make up (which includes nail polish and gel nails) should not be worn by girls in Forms I - III. A **light** make-up is acceptable for girls in Forms IV – MVI; however, it should not be applied in School. Any obvious or exaggerated use of make-up is unacceptable.

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT FOR P.E. AND GAMES

There have been a number of significant changes in kit and it is important that you are aware of what is now expected.

GIRLS' PE KIT

Regulation white polo

Regulation skort

White sports socks

Gym shoes or Trainers (*No fashion shoes e.g. Converse*)
bottoms)

One-piece navy swim suit

Goggles

Swimming cap

GIRLS' GAMES KIT

Regulation white polo

Regulation skort

Regulation hockey socks

Regulation tracksuit bottoms (*no Canterbury*

Regulation hoody

Regulation smock (**optional**)

Plain black or navy leggings or
regulation school leggings (*optional,*
ordered through P.E. Dept)

FOR GAMES: Shin Guards and a gum shield are strongly recommended

BOYS' PE KIT

Regulation navy polo shirt

Regulation navy shorts

White socks

Trainers

Navy swimming shorts
(studs only)

Goggles

Swimming cap

BOYS' GAMES KIT

Regulation rugby shirt

Regulation navy shorts

Regulation hooped socks

Regulation smock (**optional**)

Rugby or football boots (Form 1 - plastic

Regulation tracksuit bottoms (*no Canterbury*
bottoms)

Regulation hoody (**optional**)

FOR GAMES: Shin Guards and a gum shield are strongly recommended

If boys are competing in a sport other than rugby, then the PE kit may be worn.

Pupils are **NOT PERMITTED TO WEAR NON-REGULATION KIT.**

Kukri are the suppliers of all Belfast Royal Academy sporting apparel. All regulation kit (e.g. rugby jerseys, socks, shirts, tracksuits and smock tops) should be purchased from Podium 4 Sport or online via the School website. B.R.A. swimming caps are available to buy in school.

Hockey: A hockey stick is required.

Rugby: A B.R.A. rugby jersey (maroon and navy hoops with a contrast white band on the inside), B.R.A. socks (maroon and navy hoops), navy-blue shorts, rugby or football boots, shin pads, regulation tracksuit bottoms (no Canterbury bottoms) and B.R.A. smock top; hoody (optional).

Cricket: Boys selected for cricket teams need a white regulation shirt, a white regulation pullover, white flannels, cricket spikes or gym shoes, and white socks.

Athletics: Boys selected for athletics teams can wear the regulation white athletics vest and white or navy shorts, or their P.E. kit.