



Affordable Uniform Policy and Equipment List

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1. Rationale and Principles

A correctly worn uniform encourages pride and unity within the school community. It promotes equality and cohesion by protecting students from social pressures and sets a suitable tone for learning. We expect uniform to be worn correctly at school, on day trips, and when travelling to and from school.

2. Affordability and Sustainability

In response to guidance on uniform affordability, from September 2026, AHS only requires three branded items: the Blazer, the Skirt, and the PE Top. All other items can be sourced from any retailer as long as they conform to the specifications. We also operate a Pre-loved Uniform Shop to increase sustainability and reduce costs. Contact office@ahs.bucks.sch.uk for enquiries.

3. Main School Uniform Specifications

- **AHS Blazer:** A tailored navy jacket with the school logo must be worn at all times, with sleeves fully rolled down, unless permission is granted in hot weather.
- **AHS Skirt:** A branded pleated skirt with zip pockets and a sewn-in skort. Length must be close to the knee (5 cm either side of the centre) and not rolled at the waist. As the new skirt is being introduced, older students may wear tailored straight skirts until they require a replacement.
- **Blouse:** A white, long or short-sleeved open "Revere" neck blouse.
- **Jumper (Optional):** A navy blue V-neck, close-knit jumper with no patterns or logos. It must be worn under the blazer, not as a replacement. Sweatshirts and hoodies are not allowed.
- **Trousers:** Plain navy blue tailored trousers (not leggings or close-fitting).
- **Religious Dress:** A plain white tunic (Kameez) reaching mid-thigh may be worn with a blazer. Headscarves should be plain navy, black, or white, with the face entirely visible.
- **Tights** should be plain and either navy, black or flesh-coloured. **Socks** should be worn below the knee and should be plain black, navy or white, without visible logos. Legwarmers are not allowed.

- **Footwear:** Plain black or navy leather/plant-based leather shoes (not canvas). Heels must be separate and no higher than 5 cm. Boots and trainers are not permitted.

4. PE and Sports Kit

- **Mandatory:** Navy blue AHS T shirt (branded) and navy blue synthetic shorts/skort (not cycling or micro shorts) Navy synthetic leggings OR jogging bottoms. Plain navy long sports socks, white ankle sports socks and non-marking trainers are required.
- **Safety:** Shin pads and football boots are required; gum shields are compulsory for hockey, lacrosse, and rugby.
- **Optional:** AHS PE hoodie OR plain navy sweatshirt, blue base layers, or navy "swackets".

5. Equipment

- **Equipment:** Students must carry a pair of headphones / earbuds, a scientific calculator (Casio fx-991EX Classwiz preferred), a mini-whiteboard, and a reading book (KS3). Correcting fluid is not allowed.

6. Jewellery

- Only small, round, plain studs (gold/silver/clear glass) are allowed in the earlobe or nostril. No rings are allowed.
- Necklaces, rings and bracelets are not allowed. The only exception is a small religious symbol on a chain worn for reasons of faith, not fashion. This must be worn under school uniform and should not be visible.
- As students will need to remove any jewellery for PE, including earrings, they should not be expensive, or should be left at home on days when students have PE.

7. Makeup and hair

- No makeup in Years 7-9; discreet natural makeup in Years 10-11. False eyelashes and nail extensions are prohibited.
- Hair accessories should be unobtrusive, plain and in either neutral or AHS colours (blue, white or grey). Unnatural hair colouring is not allowed. Braids should also be of natural colours (no blue, pink, purple, burgundy or bright red braids please) and any beads used should be plain wooden or in school colours (blues, white or grey).
- If students colour their hair in an unnatural shade or get nail extensions, we will ask you to make an appointment to get these rectified within 24 hours, which will obviously cause parents additional expense and inconvenience. If this cannot be arranged the student will need to be educated outside of lessons until the issue is addressed.

8. Sanctions




- Incorrect uniform results in a B2 lunchtime detention. Repeated breaches will result in escalated sanctions and parental contact. The Headmistress is the final arbiter on all dress matters.



Appendix 1: Uniform list for parents





Where to Buy

- **SWI Schoolwear:** Purchase your AHS branded Blazer, Skirt, and PE Top here. Their guide to online ordering is [here](#). SWI offer all other uniform items, but parents are welcome to purchase other items from any retailer as long as they conform to the specifications.
- **High Street Retailers:** For blouses, trousers, jumpers and other PE kit, provided they match our style guide.
- **The Pre-loved Shop:** Contact office@ahs.bucks.sch.uk for quality second-hand items.

Uniform Checklist: What You Need

<p>AHS Blazer</p> <p>This is the first of our 3 compulsory branded items</p>		<p>All students need this and it must be worn at all times. Purchase from SWI</p>
<p>AHS Skirt</p> <p>This is the second of our 3 compulsory branded items</p>	 <p style="font-size: small;">Pocket to side</p>	<p>Our new pleated style features a sewn-in skort for comfort. It should be worn close to the knee—use the fingertip rule: the hem should fall below the fingertips when arms are at the side. Purchase from SWI.</p>
<p>AHS PE top</p> <p>This is the third of our 3 compulsory branded items</p>		<p>This is our third and final mandatory branded item. Purchase from SWI.</p>
<p>The following items are needed, but can be bought from SWI or from another retailer, as long as the design fits our specification.</p>		

<p>White blouse with a "revere" neck (open collar). No standard button-up shirts.</p>		<p>The blouse on the left can be purchased from SWI or you may buy an unbranded one from another retailer as long as it is the revere style. Blouses can be long or short sleeved.</p>
<p>If opting for trousers, they must be tailored navy blue (no leggings or "stretchy" styles). These are available on the SWI website or you can source your own.</p>		
<p>Shoes must be black or navy leather. No trainers, "extreme" platform styles, or boots. Plain navy, black, or white socks (below the knee); plain navy, black, or flesh-coloured tights.</p>		
<p>PE bottoms Plain navy synthetic shorts or skort (no cycling / micro shorts) or plain navy leggings.</p>		<p>You can buy these from SWI (see left) or non branded items as long as they are plain navy with no logos.</p>









<p>Optional SWI leggings OR plain navy synthetic leggings</p>		<p>Optional SWI jogging bottoms OR plain navy synthetic jogging bottoms with no logos</p>	
<p>Optional AHS Hoodie</p>		<p>OR plain navy blue sweatshirt with no logos</p>	
<p>Safety Gear</p>	<p>Shin pads and a gum shield are essential for hockey/rugby/lacrosse. Football boots are also needed for some sports instead of trainers, but we do have a stock of pre-loved boots to save you money. Socks must be either long navy sports socks or white ankle socks.</p>		
<p>Swimming</p>	<p>Plain costume, cap, and towel.</p>		

Equipment

- Standard Stationery: Pens, a range of pencils (2H, 2B, HB), ruler, protractor, set square, compasses, and glue stick.
- Technology: A scientific calculator (Casio fx-991EX Classwiz preferred) and a pair of headphones/earbuds for lesson use.
- An A4 mini-whiteboard and dry-wipe marker. Example [here](#)
- Lockers: Available for hire at £50 using only the school-provided combination lock.

Important Reminders

- Piercings: Only small, round, plain studs in metal or clear glass are allowed. No septum piercings or rings.

- Earrings must be removed for PE, so if you plan to get your child's ears pierced, you should do so at the start of the summer holidays so they can be safely removed by September.
- Hair/Nails: No unnatural hair colours or coloured braids. Hair accessories should be unobtrusive and in school colours. No nail polish or false nails. Make up is not allowed in Years 7 - 9.

- Labelling: Please mark every item with name tapes or indelible ink to ensure lost property can be returned to you.