

Affordable Uniform Policy and Equipment List

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A correctly worn uniform encourages a sense of pride and unity within the school community. It promotes equality and cohesion, protecting students from social pressures to dress in a particular way. It also sets a suitable tone for learning. We expect all students to wear uniform correctly at school, on day trips and when travelling to and from school. This presents the school in a positive manner within our local and wider community. If students do not conform to the uniform policy, they will be issued with a B2 sanction, which results in a lunchtime detention. If there are further breaches, the sanction will escalate. We ask for your support of our uniform policy so that we can all focus on the positives of school, rather than being distracted by uniform issues.

As part of our response to the new guidance on affordability of uniforms, we have made some changes to our requirements to reduce costs for parents and carers. At the bottom of this policy are prices for the items available through the school shop and some comparisons from other providers.

We have a very effective **Pre-loved Uniform Shop** offering clean, good quality clothing to increase our sustainability measures and reduce costs for families. Please contact office@ahs.bucks.sch.uk with any enquiries.

All students should hire a locker which is available for a small cost of £50. Students must use the AHS provided combination lock and other locks may be removed without prior notice.

Please clearly mark all uniform items with the owner's name/initials in indelible ink or a name tape; as lost uniform can only be returned to the rightful owner if this is the case. Lost property is stored for a short period of time in School Reception and students/parents/carers should claim this as soon as possible. At the end of each term unnamed, unclaimed lost property will be placed into our preloved store or recycled through charity shops or clothes banks. The guidance below makes it clear which items are required.

The AHS Jacket



A tailored jacket with the school logo can only be bought through our uniform supplier, [SWI Schoolwear](#) - please see their guide to [Online Ordering](#). Once you have set up an account, you will be taken to the AHS section. Jackets need to be worn at all times, except when students are given permission not to wear them in hot weather. Sleeves should be fully rolled down.

SWI offer the correct style of shirt, jumper and skirt / trousers, but these can be purchased from other suppliers as long as they match the description given.

Shirt/Blouse

A long or short sleeve open 'Revere' neck white blouse. These can be worn untucked when jumpers are not worn.



Jumper (optional)

A navy blue V-neck, close knit jumper with no patterns, stripes or logos. Other colours and styles of jumpers are not allowed. Sweatshirts/hoodies may not be worn. The jumper must be worn under, not instead of, the jacket.



Skirt

All new students are now required to wear the AHS branded pleated skirt. It includes zip pockets and a sewn-in skort. Skirt length must be close to the knee i.e. 5 cm either side of the centre of the knee and not rolled at the waist. (As a guide the skirt should fall **comfortably below** the student's fingertips when their arms are held straight against their sides). Older students who are wearing the old style straight skirt will be able to wear these until they need a new skirt. However these must be tailored. Tight, stretchy skirts are not allowed.



Trousers

Tailored trousers are available from the school supplier to match the jacket. Plain navy trousers are available from local suppliers but must be tailored and not close fitting/leggings.

Tights or socks

If worn, 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.

Shoes

Must be leather or plant based leather (not canvas or fabric) and of a single colour (either black or navy) with separate heel no higher than 5 cms in height. Trainers, narrow heels or extreme styles (such as platform soles) are not permitted. As boots are not permitted, the shoe should extend no higher than the ankle bone.



Headphones

Students need to have a pair of headphones / earbuds in their school bags as they may be required to listen to a specified piece of video / audio in a lesson. But students are not permitted to wear these around school or without reason in a lesson. With prior agreement with the SENDCo, some SEND students are allowed to wear ear defenders or earloops, but not headphones.

Jewellery

We discourage the wearing of jewellery. It is unsuitable, frequently unsafe and its loss can cause distress. The school cannot be held responsible for any jewellery that goes missing.

Necklaces, rings and bracelets are not allowed. The only exception is a small religious symbol for reasons of faith, not fashion. A religious necklace can be worn under school uniform and should not be visible. As students will need to remove these for PE, they should not be expensive, or should be left at home on days when students have PE. We do also accept the wearing of a Kara (Sikhi) though a sweatband must be worn over this during PE lessons, and religious threads tied in Hindu and Buddhist traditions.

Ear and nose piercings are allowed, but only **small, round, plain studs** in the earlobe or side of the nostril. Septum piercings are not allowed. Studs must be gold, silver or glass, not coloured and should be no larger than 5 mm. Rings are not allowed. Studs must be removed for PE. For this reason, the best time to have a piercing is the start of the

summer holidays.

Smart watches

After consulting with students, parents and staff, and in line with our policy on mobile phones, we made the decision not to allow students to use smart watches in school from September 2024. If a parent wants a student to use a smart watch on the way to or from school, students should store the watch in their locker during the school day, but we do not recommend that students bring expensive items into school and it is their responsibility to keep them safe. The school cannot take responsibility for any devices which go missing on the school premises. As with mobile phones, exceptions are made for students who need to use a device for medical reasons, such as diabetic blood sugar monitoring.

Hair, Makeup and Nails

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).

Students are not permitted to wear make-up at all in Years 7 to 9; discreet make-up in natural shades is accepted in Years 10 and 11 as a privilege. The following items are not allowed: false eyelashes, eyebrow slits, nail polish and false nails.

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.

Coats and Hats

Coats should be plain, not patterned. Denim, leather and suede jackets or coats are not permitted. Coats and hats should not be worn in classrooms unless respiratory hygiene measures, such as having to have windows open make this acceptable. This will be by permission of the Headmistress only.

Headscarves

These should be in plain fabric and in navy blue, black or white. The face must be entirely visible at all times.

Kameez/tunic

A white tunic may be worn instead of a school blouse, but the normal school jacket, with or without a jumper, should be worn on top in cold weather. The tunic should be plain white and should only reach to the mid thigh.

Trousers with Kameez/Tunic

We would ask students to wear the regulation school uniform trousers. A loose fitting style of the same navy blue colour may be purchased and worn with a Kameez if the parent desires - please let Mrs Forster, Headmistress, know if you wish to do this

(hosgerby@ahs.bucks.sch.uk).

Enforcement of the uniform expectations

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child comes to school in the correct uniform and they are expected to buy uniform that complies with the school's policy. All staff are responsible for ensuring that students are correctly dressed in class and elsewhere on the school site. All staff may address any incorrect uniform and impose a uniform behaviour mark, which will result in a lunchtime uniform detention. If it is not addressed for the next school day then the student will be referred to the Head of Year and the sanction will be escalated as shown below. In the event of repeated uniform infringements parents will be contacted.

| Uniform Infringement | Sanction |
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| If you are not wearing the correct uniform, you will be given a B2 uniform mark | Monday lunchtime detention |
| 3 uniform marks accrued in a half term | Put on uniform report |
| Further mark received whilst on report | B3 after school detention Report to continue |
| Further mark received | B4 Will lose breaks and lunchtimes |

The Headmistress is the final arbiter in all matters of uniform and dress. **Parents in doubt about the suitability of an article of clothing or footwear are advised, therefore, to check with the School before purchasing items which may be unacceptable.**

PE / SPORTS KIT

Correct PE kit is important as it is both functional and represents the school in a positive manner in our wider community when playing fixtures. We have avoided expensive brands to reduce the financial burden on families and to encourage inclusion. Synthetic fabrics have been chosen as this technical fabric has better wicking properties, dries quicker when washed and is more colour-fast and hard-wearing. All items are available from our uniform shop and where non-branded items are suitable, they are indicated. **Please note that all students that are playing in school fixtures will need to wear the AHS branded kit, but can borrow this for the fixture from the school if needed.**

Compulsory Items

- ☐ Short sleeve navy blue AHS training top, available from SWI Schoolwear
- ☐ AHS Training Shorts (synthetic) in navy blue.
- ☐ *Plain navy blue shorts are acceptable and we recommend synthetic materials, rather than cotton. Cycling shorts are **not** acceptable.*
- ☐ Plain navy blue long sports socks (suitable for use with shin pads)
- ☐ AHS PE Hoodie available from SWI Schoolwear
- ☐ *AHS Leggings in navy blue available from SWI Schoolwear although plain navy*

blue leggings are also acceptable.

- ☐ Other PE items required and not available through the school shop:
A pair of non-marking trainers, shin pads, a pair of football boots*, a plain swimming cap, a towel, a plain swimming costume. A gum shield is compulsory for hockey, lacrosse and rugby.

*The school has a small supply of second hand football boots which are available via office@ahs.bucks.sch.uk

Optional items

- ☒ AHS Skort (synthetic) in **navy blue**. Note: shorts or a skort are required, not both
- ☐ Training pants/tracksuit bottoms in **navy blue** with white piping
- ☐ Blue base layers and **navy blue** 'swackets' (water resistant fleece jackets) are optional items and available from most good retailers.
- ☐ Students may bring their own **named** hockey sticks and racquets etc. if they wish.

Equipment for lessons

All students are expected to provide:

- Ink pen/ball point pen/rollerball pen
- Range of pencils e.g. 2H, 2B and HB
- Coloured pencils or felt-tip pens
- Ruler (metric 20cm at least)
- Protractor
- Set Square
- Pair of compasses
- Scientific Calculator (Casio fx-991EX Classwiz preferred)
- Glue Stick
- KS3 students must have a reading book in their bag at all times
- A pair of earphones / earbuds
- A double sided A4 Mini whiteboard (example [here](#)) and dry wipe marker

Note: We do not allow correcting fluid in school

Total savings on non-branded items: £30 approximately (depending on sizes, blouse choice and optional items purchased)