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UNIFORM POLICY

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03.26 v1	27.03.2026	Appearance and standards regulations.	Rules re. wearing sports kit updated.	Mr Luke Goodman
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11.26 v1	18.11.2026	Part B – Uniform Regulations	Dress code updated re. nail varnish.	Mr Luke Goodman

Clifton High School is committed to child protection and safeguarding children and young people and expects all staff, visitors, and volunteers to share this commitment.

Related Policies

Behaviour – Infant and Junior, and Senior

Pupil Code of Conduct - Infant and Junior, and Senior

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PART A
UNIFORM LIST

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THE HIVE UNIFORM

Mandatory Items	Optional Items
*White polo top, long or short sleeve, crested	*Green and white striped summer dress
*Green sweatshirt, crested	*Green stormproof coat
*Green jogging bottoms, crested	
*Green PE shorts, crested	
Black velcro school shoes	
Trainers with velcro straps in any colour	
Wellies	
Waterproof trousers	
Hat, scarf and gloves (during winter months)	
Sun hat and sun cream (during summer months)	
A spare change of clothes in a named bag	
School backpack (provided by Clifton High School Admissions)	Items marked with an asterisk* must be bought from Schoolblazer.

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THE HIVE UNIFORM





or



Optional



Summer Optional





or





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THE INFANT SCHOOL (RECEPTION – YEAR 2) - MAIN UNIFORM

Mandatory items	Optional items
*White polo top, long or short sleeve, crested	*Green and white pinstriped summer dress
*Green V neck jumper, crested, or *green cardigan, crested	White, brown or black sandals (during summer months)
*Bespoke checked shorts, *bespoke checked pinafore, or charcoal trousers	*Green stormproof coat
Black school shoes	
Dark green or grey tights, or dark green, grey, or white socks (in summer)	
Waterproof trousers	
Wellies	
Dark coloured coat	
Hat, scarf and gloves (during winter months)	
Sun hat and sun cream (during summer months)	
A spare change of clothes in a named bag (Reception children)	
School backpack (provided by the Admissions Department)	
*School painting smock	Items marked with an asterisk must be bought from Schoolblazer.

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THE INFANT SCHOOL MAIN UNIFORM


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Optional



Summer
Optional




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Summer




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THE INFANT SCHOOL (RECEPTION – YEAR 2) - SPORTS KIT

Mandatory items	Optional items
*White PE top, crested	*Soft shell active jacket, crested
*Mid layer (quarter zip), crested	
*PE shorts or training pant, crested	
Trainers in any colour	
Kit bag (no drawstring bags)	
Black swimming costume or trunks	
Goggles, towel, *branded swimming cap	Items marked with an asterisk must be bought from Schoolblazer.

THE INFANT SCHOOL (RECEPTION – YEAR 2) - ADVENTURE

Mandatory items	Optional items
*Adventure sweatshirt, crested	*Green jogging bottoms, crested
*White polo top, long or short sleeve, crested	*Green shorts, crested
Waterproof coat and trousers	

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THE INFANT SCHOOL SPORTS KIT




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Optional



THE INFANT SCHOOL ADVENTURE KIT



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Optional



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THE JUNIOR SCHOOL (YEARS 3 - 6) - MAIN UNIFORM

Mandatory items	Optional items
White flat collared blouse or white stiff collared shirt	*Green and white pinstriped summer dress
*School tie, if wearing a stiff collared shirt	White, brown or black sandals (during summer months)
*Green V neck jumper, crested or *green cardigan, crested	*Green stormproof coat
*Grey blazer, crested	
*Bespoke checked shorts, *bespoke checked kilt, or charcoal trousers	
Dark green or grey tights, or dark green, grey, or white socks (during summer months)	
Black school shoes	
Dark coloured coat	
Hat, scarf and gloves (during winter months)	
Sun hat and sun cream (during summer months)	
*Art overall	Items marked with an asterisk must be bought from Schoolblazer.

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THE JUNIOR SCHOOL MAIN UNIFORM





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Optional



Summer
Optional





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Summer





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THE JUNIOR SCHOOL (YEARS 3 - 6) - ADVENTURE & SPORTS KIT

Mandatory items	Optional items
*Mid layer (quarter zip), crested	*Soft shell active jacket
*Reversible Games shirt with *rugby shorts or *skort, crested	Black base layer top and bottoms
*White PE top with *PE shorts or *skort, crested	Cricket bat and tennis racket
*Training pant, crested	Astroturf trainers (for football/hockey)
*Games socks	
Trainers and studded boots (for rugby/football)	
Black swimming costume or trunks	
Goggles, towel, *branded swimming cap	
Shin pads and mouth guard	
Hockey stick	
Kit bag	
Water bottle	
*Adventure sweatshirt, crested	Items marked with an asterisk must be bought from Schoolblazer.

Pupils can wear their PE kit for Adventure with their Adventure sweatshirt. Further items may be needed e.g. wellies/waterproofs.

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THE JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS KIT



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GAMES



ADVENTURE



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THE SENIOR SCHOOL (YEARS 7 - 11) - MAIN UNIFORM

Mandatory Items	Optional Items
White blouse or collared shirt	Hat, scarf and gloves (during winter months)
*School tie, if wearing a collared shirt	Art overall (recommended for Years 7-9 and pupils who take Art GCSE)
*Green V neck jumper, crested	
*Bespoke checked blazer, lined and crested	
*Bespoke checked kilt, or charcoal trousers	
Black school shoes	
Dark coloured coat	
Apron (Years 7-9 and pupils who take Food & Nutrition GCSE)	
Black tights or dark green, grey or white socks (during summer months)	Items marked with an asterisk must be bought from Schoolblazer.




Pictured left: white stiff collared shirt and tie, pictured right: white flat collard blouse.

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THE SENIOR SCHOOL MAIN UNIFORM





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THE SENIOR SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM - SPORTS KIT

Mandatory items	Optional items
*White PE top, crested	*Soft shell active jacket, crested
*Reversible Games shirt, crested	Black base layer top and bottoms
* Rugby shorts, *skort, or *PE shorts, *running shorts, crested	Cricket bat and tennis racket
*Mid layer (quarter zip), crested	Astroturf trainers (for football/hockey)
*Training pant, crested	
*Games socks	
Trainers and studded boots (for rugby/football)	
Black swimming costume or trunks	
Goggles, towel, *branded swimming cap	
Shin pads and mouthguard	
Water bottle	
Kit bag	
Hockey stick	Items marked with an asterisk must be bought from Schoolblazer.

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THE SENIOR SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM SPORTS KIT

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GAMES









Optional



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THE SIXTH FORM (YEARS 12 AND 13) - DRESS CODE

Our Sixth Form students are role models and leaders within our School community. It is important they are dressed smartly and appropriately, especially when representing the School at formal and public-facing events. We believe that this ensures our students approach the School day with a focused, positive mindset as well as preparing them for a future of work.

All Sixth Form students are expected to wear	Items that are not permitted
A suit jacket, worn at all times around the School site	Denim or leather jackets.
Smart full-length trousers, a smart dress or smart skirt. Skirts must not be too tight fitting or too short.	Very short or tight-fitting styles and casual styles including jeans, leggings or combats.
A short or long-sleeved stiff-necked shirt, blouse or top (preferably with a collar)	Cropped, strappy, sheer or halter-neck styles.
Jumpers, if worn, should be of a smart, formal, fine-knit style	Hoodies and sweatshirts of any design.
Smart, sensible shoes or boots	Trainers.
Students who wear a stiff-necked collar are expected to wear a tie at all times. A Clifton High School Sixth Form tie is recommended and is available for purchase via the School's Foundation shop.	

Sixth Form students must adhere to the Senior School Sport Kit regulations. If a member of staff deems any student's clothing to be overly casual, untidy or revealing, they will address this directly with the student, and it is important that this feedback is taken on board.

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PART B
UNIFORM REGULATIONS

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APPEARANCE AND STANDARDS REGULATIONS

Clifton High School expects all pupils to present themselves with a smart and professional appearance, adhering to the rules outlined below. Pupils are not permitted to wear the old unform or sports kit.

Each pupil can choose which elements of the uniform that they wish to wear. If a pupil has a disability, the School will discuss with the pupil and their parents whether any reasonable adjustments could be made to the uniform policy for that pupil. The School will not unlawfully discriminate against a pupil for their uniform choices where those choices are determined by a protected characteristic that they have.

Not adhering to our appearance and standards regulations will result in incorrect uniform sanctions for pupils in the Senior School. In addition, the School reserves the right to send a pupil home if their uniform is inappropriate (for example, their skirt is too short). Any member of our staff body that deems a pupil's uniform to be inappropriate, will address this directly with the pupil (and parent if required). We expect this feedbackto be clearly understood, and the necessary changes made.

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Sports Kit

The following rules apply in relation to wearing sports kit in School for pupils in the Infant, Junior, Senior School and Sixth Form:

Lesson/club	Rule
Games lesson – morning	Infant and Junior School: Games kit to be worn to school. Uniform to be brought into school to change into after the Games lesson. Senior School: uniform to be worn to school. Games kit to be brought into to change into before Games lesson. Uniform changed back into after Games.
Games lesson - afternoon	Infant and Junior School: uniform to be worn to school. Games kit to be brought into school to change into before Games lesson. Senior School: Games kit to be worn all day.
PE lessons	Full PE kit to be worn to school and may be worn all day on the days pupils have PE.
Sports clubs before School	Sports kit to be worn to school. Uniform to be brought into school to change into during registration if there are no other sporting commitments that day. If pupils have Games, they remain in their Games kit until their Games lesson, and then change into their uniform afterwards.
Lunchtime sports clubs	Uniform to be worn to school. Sports kit to be brought into school to change at lunchtime. If pupils have Games in the morning, they remain in their Games kit until lunchtime. If they have Games in the afternoon, they remain in their Games kit after their lunchtime club.
After school sports clubs	Uniform to be worn to school. Sports kit to be brought into school to change at the end of the School day. If pupils have a Games or PE lesson, they remain in their Games or PE kit for their after-school club.

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Whole School

Item	Rule
Blazer	Must be worn to, from and in School, as directed.
Shirts	Must be tucked in and fully buttoned.
Kilt	Knee-length i.e. the hem of the skirt must at least touch the top of the knee cap.
Ties	Must cover top button.
Shoes	Formal, black leather or leather substitute with no logos, that are clean, polished and well-fitting. Shoes with a canvas upper, soft-soled ballet pumps or black trainers of any kind are notpermitted. Boots are also not permitted (unless in the Sixth Form).
Socks	Trainer socks must not be worn.
Sports kit items	Unless otherwise indicated, sports kit should be purchased from Schoolblazer. Clothing from other sports retailers, clubs or associations is not permitted. Pupils in the Senior School must wear sports trousers (and not their sports shorts or skorts) on the School site unless they are participating in PE or Games. Sports skorts must be of the correct age to ensure that they are an appropriate length.
Hair	For children in the Infant and Junior School, hair below shoulder length must be tied back at all times (with a simple accessory). For pupils in the Senior School, hair below shoulder length must be tied back (with a simple accessory) for practical lessons, co-curricular activities, or when instructed to do so. Hair should be well-groomed and natural in colour. Hair styles should be smart and professional. Protective hairstyles such as cornrows and locks associated with ethnic and cultural identities are smart and professional. Cultural or religious head coverings should be either dark green, grey, or black.

Jewellery	A watch, small stud earrings and a fine chain with a religious symbol appropriate to the wearer are permitted. No other jewellery is permitted. Pupils wearing inappropriate or additional jewellery will be asked to remove it, and it will be confiscated, and arrangements will be made for parents to collect it.
Summer	If the School decides that the uniform regulations should be relaxed due to high temperatures, pupils will be informed, and told what adjustments can be made to the uniform.
Nails	Pupils in the Hive to Year 11 are not permitted to wear nail varnish (including gel nails) or wear artificial nails. Pupils will be asked to remove the nail varnish/artificial nails.

Infant & Junior School

Item	Rule
All	All items to be clearly labelled with your child's full name.
Shoes	Sandals can be worn with white socks and summer uniform.

Senior School & Sixth Form

Item	Rule
Discrete Make-up	Permitted only for Year 10 pupils and above.
Nail Varnish	Not permitted, except for Sixth Form students only. Pupils in Years 7 – 11 will be sent to the School Office to have it removed.
Eyebrow slits/cuts	Not permitted.
Smart Glasses	Not permitted.

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Personal belongings and equipment

Item	Rule
Bags	Rucksack with supportive straps are required. Pupils in The Hive and Infant School will be provided with a School rucksack.
Pencil Case	Pupils from Year 3 upwards are required to bring in a well-equipped pencil case.
Padlock	Senior School pupils are provided with lockers and are required to bring in a combination padlock to ensure items remain secure.
iPads	iPads are distributed to all pupils in the Senior School at the start of the Autumn Term.
Laptops	Sixth Form students require their own device. More information on this can be found in the 'Starting Sixth Form Guide'.

Bursary Support

For more information on how the School can support families to purchase items through bursaries, please contact your child's class teacher or form tutor.

Non-uniform days

There are a small number of occasions throughout the academic year where pupils are permitted to wear home clothes ("non-uniform") in school. These are communicated in advance to parents and pupils. These occasions are to mark particular charity events,

and to support the School's House System. Whilst we acknowledge that non-uniform days are important opportunities for pupils to express themselves through their clothing choices, it must be done so in an appropriate way. It is particularly important that pupils' clothing on these occasions recognises that the School is still a professional, working environment, and that pupil clothing does not cause embarrassment to staff, pupils, and other members of the School community. For those reasons, pupils should follow the gridlines below:

- **Modesty**: clothing should be respectful, of an appropriate length, practical and not overtly revealing. Tops must cover the midriff and shoulders. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be of at least mid-thigh length.
- **Prohibited items**: sleepwear (pyjamas), overly torn clothing, and beach footwear (flip-flops/sliders) are typically not allowed. See-through clothing, strapless or 'string-strapped' tops and clothing which reveals underwear is also not allowed.
- **Appropriate graphics**: clothing must not display controversial, offensive, or drug/alcohol-related slogans.
- **Footwear**: only practical, closed-toe footwear is permitted.

It is recognised that these guidelines cannot anticipate every circumstance that may arise. Pupils may, for example, wish to wear items that are not specifically addressed above but which are nevertheless inconsistent with the spirit and intent of this policy. In such cases, or where any dispute or uncertainty arises regarding the interpretation of this policy, the final decision rests with the Senior Deputy Head: Pastoral.

All pupils are expected to arrive at school wearing clothing in accordance with this guidance. Should they not do so, then they will be sent home to change by the Senior Deputy Head: Pastoral. Any pupil unable to go home to do this will work in isolation for the day.

Lost Property

All items should be clearly labelled with your child's full name. If an item is lost and found it will be handed to our lost property where it will be storeduntil collected. These items can be collected any time during the School day from the School Office, located in the Gate House. Alternatively, please email lostproperty@cliftonhigh.co.uk for details.

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Version history

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12.24 v1	09.12.2024	Part B	Non-uniform day appearance expectations inserted.	Mr Chris Collins
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