

BCCS Uniform and PE Kit Policy

Purpose of the Policy

At Bristol Cathedral Choir School (BCCS), our school uniform and PE kit help foster a sense of community, equality and pride. This policy ensures that our uniform requirements are **practical, inclusive, and affordable**, in line with the **Department for Education's statutory guidance on school uniforms (September 2024)**.

Parents and carers can access the government guidance here: [DfE School Uniform Guidance](#).

General Principles

- All uniform and PE kit items should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps lost property to be returned promptly.
- The school works to ensure its uniform is affordable and widely available. Where possible, items can be purchased from multiple retailers; only a small number of branded items are required.
- Students must wear full school uniform correctly at all times, unless otherwise instructed.

School Uniform – Years 7 to 11

Branded Items (available only from Monkhouse Schoolwear)

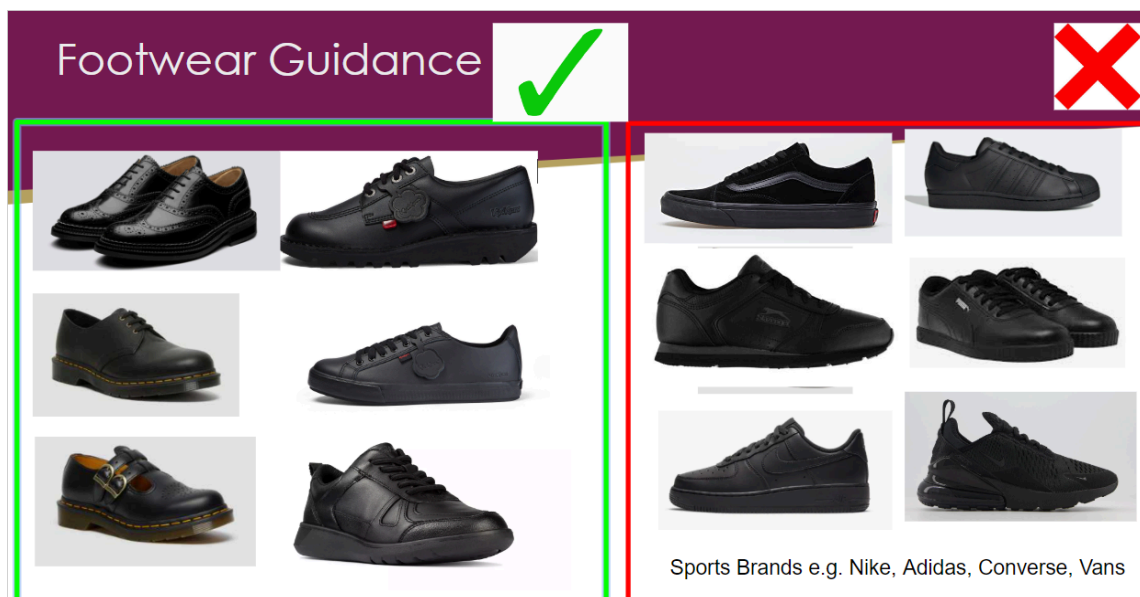
- Black blazer with embroidered school badge
- School tie (or Chorister's tie)

[Monkhouse Schoolwear: Order Online](#)



General Uniform (available from Monkhouse, supermarkets, or other retailers):

- Knee-length black pleated skirt, tailored black trousers, or shorts
- Black V-neck or round neck pullover (plain or BCCS logo). Hoodies are not permitted.
- Plain white shirt/blouse with a standard collar and buttons to the neck
- Plain black or skin-coloured tights, or grey, black, or white socks. Stockings, leggings or hold-ups are not permitted.
- Plain black shoes (no trainers)



Accessories and Appearance:

- Hair: Should be of a natural colour and not extreme in style.
- Jewellery: A single, small, plain stud earring in each ear lobe and one nose stud permitted. No hoops, dangly earrings, stretchers, visible bracelets, rings, or necklaces.

- Makeup and nails should be discrete.
- Earphones should not be worn around school unless with permission.
- Coats may be worn outdoors but must be removed indoors.
- Head coverings (Hijabs, Turbans, Durags) should be in school colours: Black, Grey, Purple or Gold.
- Scarves, hats and gloves must not be worn indoors.
- Shirts must be tucked in and undershirts/vests must not be visible.

The Halo Code

BCCS fully adopts the **Halo Code**, celebrating the right of students and staff to wear Afro-textured hair in any style. Styles may include, but are not limited to: afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, heat- or chemically-straightened hair, weaves, wigs, headscarves and wraps.



Sixth Form Dress Code

Sixth Form students are expected to wear **business dress** appropriate for a professional working environment.

PE Kit

Branded Items (available only from Harris Sports Ltd):

- Red/black BCCS Single PE top (Polo Top)
- Hooped BCCS Double PE top (Outdoor Top)



[Harris Sports: Order Online](#)

Other PE kit (unbranded, available from Harris Sports and general sports retailers):

- Black shorts, leggings, tracksuit bottoms, or BCCS skort
- Red or black rugby/hockey/football socks for outdoor PE
- Red, Black or White socks for indoor PE
- Football boots (rugby boots are also acceptable)
- Trainers (supportive, not fashion trainers)
- Gum shield and shin pads are required

Important Health and Safety, when taking part in PE:

- Long hair must be tied up
- Jewellery including watches, necklaces, rings and piercings must be removed

Outdoor PE at Failand:

- Students must dress appropriately for the weather, bringing a raincoat, sunhat, thermal layers, etc., as needed.
- The outermost layer should be BCCS PE kit.

Labelling and Lost Property

All items of clothing and equipment should be **clearly labelled with the student's full name**. This assists with the quick return of lost property.

Equipment for All Students

Students are expected to bring essential equipment each day. A full list is provided in the Parent/ Carer and Student Handbook and includes items such as a **scientific calculator, pencil case, and water bottle**.

Lanyards

Students must wear their **school lanyard and ID card** at all times for security and identification. Replacement costs:

- Card: £3.50
- Holder: 50p
- Lanyard: £3.00
(Purchased via ParentrPay)

Non-Compliance or Inappropriate Uniform

- If a student arrives wearing incorrect or inappropriate uniform this will be addressed in line with the **BCCS Behaviour for Learning Policy**. This includes students being offered loan uniform to wear, they may be sent home to change, after contact with parents/carers or work in the Behaviour Support Unit until the issue is resolved.
- The Headteacher's decision on uniform matters is final.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to remain in line with government guidance and community needs.