**SCHOOL UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT (FROM SEPTEMBER 2022)**

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**School Requirements**

The School requires pupils to have:

- Pen
- Two pencils
- Eraser
- Set of pencil crayons
- Pair of compasses
- Protractor
- 30 cm ruler
- Basic Scientific Calculator such as Casio f(x)83 ES (available from the Maths Department)
- School bag or rucksack (school rucksack available)
- School Games bag
- A hockey stick is recommended in the Autumn Term for girls and the Spring Term for boys
- A reading book

Lockers are provided for each pupil. Their internal dimensions allow for safe storage of school books and files. A padlock is recommended for extra security and we suggest a spare key is given to the Form Tutor. Additional storage is available for games kit, musical instruments and other larger items around the School. Items should not be left overnight or over the weekend in these storage facilities.

Parents are strongly advised not to let their children bring large sums of money or expensive items of property to school, as no responsibility can be accepted for their loss or damage. If necessary, such items should be left with the Head of Section for safekeeping.

**Books and Stationery**

The School provides on loan textbooks and exercise books. Pupils must look after their books and will be charged for them if lost, defaced or damaged.

Exercise books or folders must not be decorated with stickers or graffiti.

**Purchase of Uniform**

New school uniform can be purchased from The Sports Shop either from their store in Union Street, Ryde or online at www.thesportshop.co.uk

Delivery of uniform for overseas boarders can be arranged to be sent directly to the boarding campus at the following address:

Years 7 to 10: (Insert pupil name) Millfield House, Ryde School, 29 Queens Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 3BG

Year 11 & Sixth Form: (Insert Pupil Name) Centenary House, Ryde School, 29 Queens Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 3BG

There is an “As New” shop run by parent volunteers which operates from the Uniform Shop on the School site on Mondays from 3.00pm – 4.30pm and Tuesdays from 8.40am – 10.00am, but please check on our website for up-to date.

**Uniform Requirements**

Dress regulations must be strictly complied with. Pupils must ensure that at all times their dress, hair and appearance is a credit to the School.

Full school uniform must be worn when travelling to and from school and for school fixtures (unless otherwise notified).

Coats must be black, navy or dark grey. In adverse weather students may wear a coat as well as their blazer/jacket during the School day but must remove it during lessons, assemblies and chapels.

During hot weather the Head of Senior School or Head of Sixth Form may give the Shirt Sleeve Order. This order is issued on a daily basis. Pupils may remove blazers and ties. Pupils must travel to and from school in full uniform. Pupils must also wear full uniform for Head Master assemblies and Chapel Services.

Pupils in Years 7 - 11 have the option of the trouser uniform or skirt uniform dress codes.

Pupils are expected to be wearing school uniform/sixth form dress whenever at school during school days unless it is a designated mufti-day. Any pupil wishing to wear other clothing to and from school or whilst at school must seek permission from the Head of Section. Permission for groups of pupils to be out of uniform, for instance those going on a trip, must be sought from the Deputy Head by the teacher in charge.

**Trouser Uniform Dress Code Years 7-11**

- Ryde School blazer;
- White shirt and tie (formal, plain, buttoned and collared.) The shirt must be tucked in and the tie must cover the top button of the shirt, which should be done up;
- Navy blue V-neck pullover with red line;
- Charcoal grey trousers;
- Black or mid-grey socks;
- Polished black leather shoes (plain style, suede, nu-buck or similar.) Black, trainer-like shoes are not permitted;
- Hair must be kept tidy, neatly trimmed and off the face. Pupils must not wear hairstyles which draw attention; hair should be a natural colour. For those maintaining a short hairstyle, it should not be shorter than a grade 2 all over. Any marked differences in length should be blended so that is not noticeable. Undercut hairstyles are not permitted. The School reserves the right to send pupils home in order for them to restore their hair to a natural colour and/or an acceptable style;
- In certain practical subjects and on formal school occasions, it may be necessary for hair to be tied back; hair clips or plain navy or black hair bands should be used. Longer hair should be tied back for games and P.E.;

**Skirt Uniform Dress Code Years 7–11**

- Ryde School blazer;
- White revere collar blouse (short sleeve style available for the Summer Term) must be tucked in;
- Navy blue V-neck pullover with red line;
- Plaid, front pleat skirt. The skirt length should be on the knee. It must not be rolled up and not shortened or altered;
- Pupils in Year 11 have the option of wearing a graphite grey, contemporary skirt available from the School Uniform Shop. The skirt length should be on the knee. The skirt must not be rolled and not shortened or altered.
- Please be advised that should the School consider a skirt to be too short then we will expect a longer replacement to be purchased.
- Plain black or natural coloured tights or mid-grey knee-length socks, plain white ankle socks optional for Summer Term;
- Polished black leather shoes (plain style, flat/small heel, suede, nubuck or similar). No boots, platforms, high heels, sandals or backless shoes. Black, trainer-like shoes are also not permitted;
- Hair must be kept tidy, neatly trimmed and off the face. Pupils must not wear hairstyles which draw attention; hair should be a natural colour. The School reserves the right to send pupils home in order for them to restore their hair to a natural colour and/or an acceptable style;
- In certain practical subjects and on formal school occasions, it may be necessary for hair to be tied back; hair clips or plain navy or black hair bands should be used. Longer hair should be tied back for games and P.E.;

**Jewellery & Make-up (Years 7 – 11)**

- Jewellery is restricted to a plain thin chain in gold or silver around the neck, one pair of ear studs – one each of which is to be worn in the lobe of each ear - and single plain ring, pupils in Years 10 and 11 may wear a second plain stud in the ear;
- Nail extensions and/or nail varnish are not permitted;
- Discreet, age appropriate, natural make-up may be worn as long as it does not draw attention or stand out. The Pastoral Deputy Head will arbitrate.

**Sports Wear (Years 7 -11)**

In Years 7–11, pupils must wear only official games clothing for games and PE lessons. Pupils may not wear games kit at times other than their PE or games lessons unless specific permission has been given by the relevant Head of Section. For matches, permission from the Head of Section to wear games kit must be sought by the coach of that team.

Pupils who have a hockey practice during lunchtime at Smallbrook may wear games kit to and from school. At these times pupils are required to wear school tracksuit bottoms and their school blazer. Pupils wearing a skort may wear navy sport leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 may remain in games kit after a lunchtime practice as long as they have tracksuit bottoms (boys and girls) or navy blue leggings (girls only).

**Sports & Extra-Curricular Requirements – Years 7-11**

**All Year**

Crested white PE polo shirt; white ankle socks; crested navy shorts (boys' sports/athletics); navy blue games skort/shorts (girls' sport); non-marking indoor trainers; outdoor trainers; navy blue crested tracksuit; navy blue crested layer top; plain navy-blue base leggings (when worn with skort/shorts); School crested beanie hat; School games bag.

**Optional:**

Navy blue crested hooded top (this item is not suitable for training or playing in); navy blue crested waterproof contact top (this item is suitable for training and playing in).

**Winter/Autumn Sports**

Navy blue rugby shirt; navy blue multi-purpose games polo (for all winter sports other than rugby); navy blue crested rugby shorts (boys' sport); navy blue games embroidered socks; football boots with Kitemark safety studs (football/rugby); shin pads (football/hockey); gum shields (rugby/hockey).

**Summer Sports**

Cricket - School crested cricket shirt; white crested cricket pullover (sleeveless and/or sleeved); white cricket flannels; cricket boots.

**Optional:**

White crested sun hat, navy blue crested cap.

**Sixth Form Dress Code**

The Sixth Form dress code aims to reflect the transition from school study to the world of work with the guiding principle being that of smart 'office apparel' i.e. what would be worn for an interview:

- Business suits (with or without a discrete pattern) - a tailored business trouser or dress/skirt suit. The skirt length should be professional and not overly short, i.e just above the knee. No stretchy skirts are to be worn
- Suitable shoes should be worn;
- Students wearing a shirt are expected to wear a school tie at all times with their top button done up
- Jumpers must be smart and suitable for business wear. Any jumper should fit comfortably under a suit jacket;
- Jewellery should be professional and discreet, for example nose rings, facial piercings and visible tattoos are not appropriate. However, a small plain nose stud may be worn;
- All sleeved shirts or blouses must have a collar. A discreet pattern is allowed; however bold, lumberjack like patterns are not appropriate;
- On specific formal school occasions Sixth Form students should wear a white shirt or blouse;
- Male students must be clean shaven
- Hair must be kept tidy, off the face and be of a natural colour.
- For those maintaining a short hairstyle, it should not be shorter than a grade 2 all over. Any marked difference in length should be blended so that is not noticeable. Undercut hairstyles are not permitted.
- Pupils must not wear hairstyles which draw attention
- Students may wear discreet makeup that does not draw attention;
- Students over 18 years old may legally decide to have a tattoo. Tattoos must not be visible, including when wearing games kit.

The Heads of Section will be the arbiters of what is acceptable.

For sport, school team members must wear the full school kit, including tracksuits when travelling. The games staff will advise squad members.

Games kit must not be worn during the School day. For games lessons students must wear official school games kit with the minimum expectation of a polo shirt, shorts/skort, tracksuit bottoms and hoodie.

**Non Uniform Days**

On some occasions, students in the Senior School are allowed to wear clothes other than the School uniform. This may include 'mufti' days to raise money and awareness for charities or when on school trips. Whilst this allows students the opportunity to express themselves as individuals, it must be done so in an appropriate way. It is particularly important that any student dress on these occasions recognises that the School is still a working environment, and further that student dress does not cause embarrassment to staff, students and other members of the School community.

When not in uniform the following guidelines are to be adhered to:

Shorts, skirts and dresses, if worn, should be of at least mid-thigh length;

The following must not be worn:

- See-through clothing, for example see-through blouses;
- Strapless or 'string-strapped' tops;
- Clothing which is revealing; for example, exposing bare midriffs;
- Clothing which reveals underwear;
- Flip-flops or backless footwear, due to health and safety issues;
- Clothing with offensive logos;

It is recognised that this dress code will not cover all issues that may arise. Students may seek to wear, for example, items which have not been covered by the above guidelines, but which are against the tenor of the dress code. In such a case, or given any issue of dispute, the final arbiter is the relevant Head of Section.

All students are expected to arrive at school wearing clothing in accordance with this dress code. Should they not do so, then they will be sent home to change. Any student unable to go home to do this will work in isolation for the day.

**Marking of Property**

All items of uniform and all personal belongings brought to school must be marked with the owner's name. On watches, fountain pens, calculators and similar items the owner's name or initials must be engraved or scratched clearly. The name inside footwear often becomes illegible with use and should be checked regularly and renewed if necessary. Special shoe labels can be obtained in several mainstream shops.

The School has a centralised system for collecting and returning lost property run by the School Marshal (Mr Sale).

Unnamed, unclaimed property is kept for a term and then disposed of.