



The Ridgeway School & Sixth Form College

# **UNIFORM and EQUIPMENT GUIDE**

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## **Uniform & Equipment Guide**

Our uniform guide is designed to create a sense of parity for all students, so that no young person feels unable to attend school or participate fully due to concerns about clothing or appearance. By keeping expectations clear and consistent, we aim to remove unnecessary pressure on families and ensure that every student feels they belong.

At The Ridgeway we feel that our uniform is an act of inclusion, allowing students a sense of belonging to their school family and pride in their school. We believe it is an expression of our individual approach and enables students to express themselves within our community.

We recognise the importance of individuality and allowing students some personal choice within the uniform, helping them to feel comfortable, confident and included as part of our school community. While the uniform provides a shared sense of identity and belonging to the school, we recognise that students express their individuality in other ways, including through appropriate hairstyles, make-up and a small amount of jewellery. This balance supports both inclusion and personal expression.

We would like to thank families for their continued support in upholding our uniform policy. We kindly ask that, when purchasing items, families ensure they meet the school's expectations so that students are able to attend feeling confident and ready to learn. If you are ever unsure about an item, or if uniform presents a challenge for your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are committed to working with parents to ensure that uniform is never a barrier to attendance, inclusion or belonging for any student in our school.

## Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include: age, sex, sexual orientation, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all students the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all students
- Allow all students to have long hair, although we reserve the right to ask that long hair be tied back for safety reasons.
- Support all students to wear their hair in a natural style, in a way that makes them feel most comfortable. At The Ridgeway School, we support the Halo Code.
- Allow students to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons, or if they are experiencing discomfort.
- Support students to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments, these should be of a plain, dark colour.
- Allow students with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform, depending on their specific needs as supported by professional guidance.
- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking students or their parents/carers to get in touch with Miss Collins (Assistant Headteacher) or Mrs Kneeshaw (SENCO), who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniforms.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo attached or be in a unique fabric or style) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers, and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to shop around for the best price.

We will therefore make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents and carers

We will do this by:

- Following the statutory limits for compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to a maximum of:
- In Secondary schools: 4 or fewer, if 1 item is a tie

## Equipment

Our equipment list ensures that students are ready and prepared to learn. When students take their assessments, including GCSE's and A Levels they will require the following equipment;

- A student planner
- A scientific calculator
- A transparent pencil case containing:
  - ◊ A black pen
  - ◊ A spare black pen
  - ◊ A green pen
  - ◊ A pencil
  - ◊ A ruler
  - ◊ A rubber

## Uniform

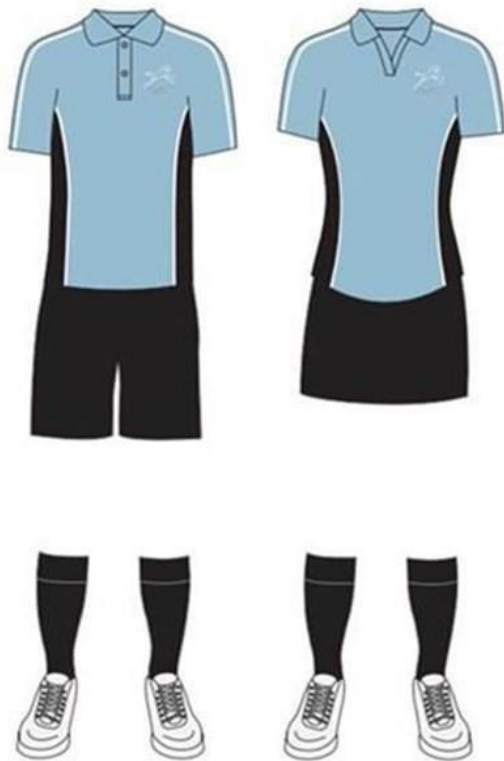
Our uniform supplier is Price and Buckland. They have an online website:

<https://price-buckland.co.uk/> and a dedicated page to The Ridgeway School & Sixth Form College so you can purchase the appropriate uniform.

### Our uniform:

- A blazer with The Ridgeway School badge on the pocket - must be worn by all students in Years 7-11.
- Students may choose to wear a Ridgeway School jumper/cardigan or a plain V neck black jumper or cardigan (so the tie is visible under their blazer). The jumper/ cardigan must not have any other logos or slogans. The jumper must be worn under the blazer and is optional, the blazer is not.
- White school shirt/blouse (tucked in and buttoned to the neck).
- A Ridgeway School tie – You may choose the colour of your house: Avebury is Red, Barbury is Green, Kennett is Yellow, Silbury is Blue.
- Black regular length school trousers. Trousers should meet the shoe, and should not be rolled up at the hem. Leggings, jeggings, jeans or cords are not permitted.
- Plain black tailored shorts, designed for formal wear and of knee-length. Shorts must not be tight-fitting, denim, sportswear or branded.
- Our school skirt can be purchased from The Price and Buckland website. No other skirts are permitted.
- Students may choose to wear tailored, black, knee length shorts. These must be formal in appearance and material.
- Large belts, buckles, zips, laces, pin stripes etc. should not be worn on either skirts or trousers.
- Plain black school shoes suitable for wearing with formal attire should be worn. Shoes that are not permitted are black trainers/footwear that are trainer in style yet labelled as shoes, daps, sandals, shoes that look like trainers, shoes without backs, and heels higher than 3cm.
- Natural or black colour tights, or socks. Socks should not be worn over tights.

## PE Kit...





Essential	Highly Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ridgeway branded polo shirt</li> <li>• Plain black shorts - Loose fitting, plain black PE shorts (not Nike-pro/cycling style)</li> <li>• Plain black long socks (football socks)</li> <li>• Trainers (supportive/sports not fashion, not converse)</li> <li>• Football boots</li> <li>• For swimming - swimming trunks/shorts/speedos, swimming cap, towel, swimming costume</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ridgeway branded rugby shirt</li> <li>• Ridgeway branded PE sweatshirt</li> <li>• Underlayer</li> <li>• Plain black jogging trousers (for cold weather)</li> <li>• Shin pads</li> <li>• Gum shield (rugby and hockey)</li> <li>• Plastic bag for dirty kit</li> <li>• Goggles</li> <li>• Spare socks on a PE day for hygiene</li> </ul>

## Further Points...

- **Outdoor coats** - must not have inappropriate logos or slogans.
- **Hooded tops or tracksuits tops are also not permissible as an outdoor coat** and should not be worn to school.
- **Jewellery** –We recognise the importance of self-expression and students are permitted to wear up to five items. This could include: a watch, pair of earrings/additional pair (stud or small hoops), necklace, bracelet, ring, nose stud (no other facial piercings for safety reasons).
- **All jewellery should be removed in PE, Drama and Technology lessons** and as directed in other lessons where jewellery may cause a safety risk e.g. during Science experiments.
- **We ask that nails are kept short and natural in length** to ensure students can participate safely in practical subjects; including PE and Technology.

## School Shoes

We appreciate that choosing school shoes can sometimes feel challenging, and we want to support families in making choices that are both practical and affordable. Our aim is to ensure that durable, well fitting school shoes are accessible to all, while still maintaining the importance of a smart, formal appearance that helps students feel part of our school community. We have provided the guidance below to support you when making choices

School Shoes	Shoes not appropriate for School
<p data-bbox="236 1010 687 1155">Suitable plain black school shoes or ankle boots suitable for wearing with formal attire (blazer/formal trousers).</p> 	<p data-bbox="810 1010 1423 1122">Knee /thigh high boots, Trainers (including black and/or those that pose as trainers), Daps, Flip flops/backless, Open toes and Heels over 3cm</p> 

## Uniform Office

The school runs a uniform office open from 8.20am every morning. If a student has the incorrect uniform or has forgotten a piece of equipment, they may borrow this item for the remainder of the day. If a student attends the uniform office prior to the start of school at 8.45am they will not be issued with a uniform consequence.

## Extreme Conditions

Uniform adjustments due to temperatures will only occur when the Department for Education issues guidance stating that there is an extreme weather warning and schools need to take action. In all matters of uniform and dress, the decision of the Headteacher is final.

## Purchasing

All items can be purchased from Price and Buckland online; [The Ridgeway School & Sixth Form College \(pbuniform-online.co.uk\)](http://pbuniform-online.co.uk)

A school uniform sale is held annually where second-hand uniform can be purchased at a cheaper price. We also swap uniform for alternative sizes if we have availability in the uniform office.

If there are any concerns regarding the purchasing of uniform, please contact the school so we can offer our support.

## Expectations for our school community

### Students

Students are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Students are also expected to contact their Head of Year or the SEND team if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

### Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents/carers are also expected to contact the Head of Year, Miss Collins or Mrs Kneeshaw if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

### Staff

Staff will support students to ensure that they are in correct uniform from the start of the school day. We will give any students who have forgotten items the opportunity to access spare uniform from our in school Uniform or Equipment Store.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform guide will be followed up through our behaviour procedures.

If families are facing challenges, we encourage you to make contact and we will do all we can to support with providing uniform and equipment and ensure that students will not miss learning.





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