

BALLYMENA ACADEMY

BOYS' SCHOOL UNIFORM (2024/2025)

Introduction

The School has a policy of requiring all its pupils to wear uniform and the aims of this policy are as follows:

1. to set a standard for dress which is reasonably formal (or smart and effective in the case of sportswear) and also serviceable,
2. to promote a sense of membership of Ballymena Academy,
3. to ensure that pupils possess a definite school identity while off the campus (e.g. when travelling to and from school individually or as part of a team).

General requirements

Pupils are expected to conform to the following specifications in spirit as well as in letter and to wear the uniform neatly and as intended for the duration of the academic year. The final decision on the appropriateness of uniform and/or appearance will be taken by the Principal and/or the Vice-Principals.

The following uniform should normally be worn while attending school or taking part in school related activities (e.g. Saturday away fixtures), except in particular circumstances approved by the school.

All uniform items need to be prominently and indelibly marked (preferably in more than one place) with the owner's name.

BLAZER: Black with black buttons and school crest on top pocket.

TROUSERS: Charcoal/Black dress trousers. Plain, narrow black belt may be worn.

SHIRT: White; plain and formal, no soft collars or other leisure-shirt features.

NOTE: T-shirt, if worn under the shirt, should be plain white with no visible lettering and should not be visible at the neck.

TIE: Years 8 – 10
Red and navy striped school tie.

Years 11 – 12
Middle School tie. [Predominantly blue with narrow red stripe]

Years 13 – 14
6th Form tie purchased from the school office.

**PULLOVER,
+ MICRO-
FLEECE:** If worn, dark navy V-necked pullover with red school name flash and with or without sleeves. Pullovers should not hang below blazers. Cardigans are not permissible. The school micro-fleece is the only fleece [Canterbury from 'School Shop' or other from our official school suppliers] which may be worn with and as part of the school uniform. [See Code of Conduct]. Hoodies are not permitted to be worn under blazers.

SOCKS: Black, dark navy or dark grey.

FOOTWEAR: Plain black leather shoes with rounded toe; slip-on or laced (black laces). No coloured stitching, nor metal strips along the sides, back or toecap.
Trainers must be worn only for P.E./Games.

COAT: If worn, plain dark navy or black, without noticeable unapproved lettering or logos. All coats should be at least jacket/blazer length. Coats should not be worn under the blazer at any time.
A school coat may be purchased through the on-line shop if so desired.

HEAD-GEAR: Plain dark navy/black woollen hat may be worn.

GLOVES: Plain dark navy/black.

SCARF: If worn, red and navy school scarf (available only from school stockists).

SCHOOLBAGS These should be mainly navy, red or black.
AND No graffiti allowed.
SPORTS BAGS:

COMPULSORY ITEMS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

YEARS 8 – 14

The following compulsory items must be sportswear, bearing the school crest. These are only available from our on-line shop, <https://www.ballymenaacademyshop.org>

- Dark navy T-Shirt
- Dark navy rugby shorts
- Red/Navy hooped rugby jersey
- Red/Navy hooped rugby socks

In addition; but **NOT** available from our on-line shop:-

- White P.E. socks
- Rugby/Football boots
- Sports Trainers (no plimsoles or fashion trainers)
- Mouthguard (for rugby)
- Swimwear (Year 8 only)
- Towel

OPTIONAL ITEMS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

YEARS 8 – 14

The following optional items are also available through our on-line shop at <https://www.ballymenaacademyshop.org>

- Waterproof wear – Canterbury Contact Top and/or Canterbury Zipped Jacket
- Navy-blue hoodie (Canterbury)
- Navy-blue 'Canterbury' tracksuit bottoms.
- Cricket gear – trousers; shirt; overshirt
- Navy-blue Gym/Athletics singlet
- Navy-blue micro-fleece (Canterbury)

The item below is also optional but is **NOT** available through the on-line shop:-

- Navy-blue base layer/skin/underarmour/thermal, if worn below rugby jersey.