

**BALLYMENA ACADEMY**  
**GIRLS' 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.**

**SKIRT: Years 8 – 9**

A-line dark navy skirt of **modest length**, clearly visible below blazers and no higher than 10cm. above knee. [No straight or pleated skirts or skirts with slits allowed]

**Years 10 – 12**

Dark navy straight skirt, with back centre vent, in same fabric as school blazer, worn 2 inches (5 cm.) below the knee.

**Years 13 – 14**

Dark navy skirt with two inverted pleats front and back (knee length or longer).

**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**

6<sup>th</sup> Form tie purchased from the school office.

**FOOTWEAR: Years 8 – 10**

Any **plain low-heeled** black leather school shoe.

**Heels should be no higher than 55 mm. at the back of the shoe and the base of the heel no smaller than 20 x 20 mm.**

[Slingback, platform, stiletto, suede or canvas shoes are not allowed.] Coloured stitching is not permitted. Black laces only.

Black leather boots may be worn to school in winter but changed to regulation shoes on arrival at school.

**Trainers must be worn only for P.E./Games.**

**Years 11 – 14**

Any plain black leather school shoe.

**Heels should be no higher than 65 mm at the back of the shoe and the base of the heel no smaller than 20 mm x 20 mm.**

[Slingback, platform, stiletto, suede or canvas shoes are not allowed.] Coloured stitching not permitted. Black laces only.

Black leather boots may be worn to school in winter but changed to regulation shoes on arrival at school.

**Trainers must be worn only for P.E./Games.**

## **ALL YEAR GROUPS:**

- BLOUSE:** Long-sleeved white blouse buttoned to the neck, with a shirt collar.
- 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.
- TIGHTS or SOCKS:** Navy or black tights.  
**Mid-grey knee socks with a dark navy and dark red band at the top (available only from school stockists).**
- BLAZER:** Dark navy with navy buttons and school crest on top pocket.
- COAT:** If worn, **plain** dark navy or black, without noticeable unapproved lettering or logos. All coats should be at least 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.
- SCARF:** If worn, red and navy school scarf (available only from school stockists).
- HEAD-GEAR:** Plain dark navy/black woollen hat may be worn.
- GLOVES:** Plain dark navy/black.

### **SCHOOLBAGS AND SPORTSBAGS:**

These should be mainly navy, red or black. No graffiti allowed.

**FROM 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL TO 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** the following alterations may be made in the previous items.

- BLOUSE:** Open-necked, short-sleeved white blouse.
- SOCKS:** White or dark navy ankle socks.
- SHOES:** Black sandals.

## **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>

- Red P.E. T-Shirt
- Navy hockey shirt (Year 9 and above – team members only)
- Navy-blue hockey skort
- White/Red/Blue hooped hockey socks

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

- White ankle socks
- Sports trainers (No plimsoles or fashion trainers)
- Swimming costume (Year 8 only)
- Towel
- Hockey Stick (lightweight)
- Mouthguard and shin-guards (for hockey)

## **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 – must be in school colours – Canterbury Contact Top and/or Canterbury Zipped Jacket
- Navy-blue 'Canterbury' tracksuit bottoms
- Navy-blue hoodie (Canterbury)
- Navy-blue micro-fleece (Canterbury)

The following items are also optional but are **NOT** available through the on-line shop:-

- White base layer/skin/underarmour/thermal, if worn below hockey shirt.
- Hockey bag – mainly navy, red or black.