

Robert Bloomfield Academy

Academy Dress Code

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Student Uniform Expectations

Required School uniform

Red V-neck sweatshirt with RBA embroidered crest
Plain black trousers, or
Plain black tailored shorts, or
Plain black pleated skirt, knee length.
Plain white shirt
School tie
Black or White socks
Black flat school shoes, Black ankle boots, not trainers

Summer Uniform (optional) – from Summer Term only

White polo shirt with embroidered crest or plain white polo shirt
Plain black trousers, or
Plain black tailored shorts, or
Plain black pleated skirt, knee length.
Black or White socks
Black flat school shoes or black ankle boots, no trainers

Plain black or white hijab.

We ask that any specific religious requirements not explicitly covered here be discussed with the school to ensure students feel supported and included.

We do not accept branded items, designer clothing or any variation of the school uniform.

Support is available for families in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding.

PE Kit

Red & black RBA Branded polo shirt (compulsory)
Black PE shorts (plain black, mid-thigh length, (not cycling shorts)
Black socks
Shin pads & gum shield (compulsory for safety)
Trainers
Football boots – (optional) - plastic moulds preferred as metal studs cannot be worn on the MUGA
Plain black tracksuit bottoms (optional)
Plain black sweatshirt (optional)
Plain black sports leggings (optional – see below)

If wearing a non-RBA logo item, the logo must be small. Large logos are not permitted.

Optional items available to buy from Prestige, but NOT compulsory:

RBA branded leggings*
RBA branded shorts (two versions are available. One pair is a generic short option and the other is a baggy short with a lycra under layer).
RBA branded slim leg tracksuit bottoms
RBA branded ¼ zip jumper

*Leggings - ALL leggings worn MUST be plain black SPORTS leggings and NOT cotton ones. If they are not RBA branded, they should also have minimal logo, no meshing or patterns.

Mrs Cooper/ Mrs Moreno will contact home should a pair of leggings not be deemed appropriate

PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT IS CLEARLY NAMED

Procedure for lost property

- All named items of uniform / PE Kit will be sent back to the student via the school office
- Items that are un-named will be held for a period of 6 weeks in lost property at the front of school or in the PE Department
- Parents are welcome to view lost property at any time
- We also have a Lost Property page on Facebook @RBAlostproperty. Please like and follow this page

Uniform Supplier: Prestige

<https://prestigedesignww.co.uk/product-category/robert-bloomfield-academy/>

All of our non-branded uniform is available from local retailers or can be purchased from our preloved shop.

Uniform Definitions and Clarifications

Jewellery	<p>No items of jewellery are allowed apart from the following exceptions that are brought to school on the clear understanding that the school will take no responsibility for such items if they cause injury or are lost.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Items of religious significance; (a note from parents is required to explain the significance) 2. Ear studs: students with pierced ears may wear one small discreet stud in each ear lobe. Hoops or colourful objects are not permitted. Earrings must not be worn for PE (See Appendix 1) 3. A watch (not to be worn on days when the student has PE). Smart watches are not allowed. <p>Students will be asked to remove inappropriate items and they will be available for collection from the school office at the end of the day.</p> <p>Please see Appendix 1 for information regarding ear piercings and PE lessons.</p>
Religious Clothing	<p>A plain black or white hijab may be worn for religious purposes.</p> <p>We ask that any specific religious requirements not explicitly covered here be discussed with the school to ensure students feel supported and included.</p>
Trousers	<p>All trousers must be tailored school trousers. Trousers must be straight legged and not flared or skinny. They should be free from any inappropriate labels and should not be a hipster cut waist. Trousers should not have visible buttons or zips on the front. Trousers should be worn in a way that does not reveal underwear. Trousers should be worn at the correct length (resting on the shoes) and not turned up.</p>
Shorts	<p>All shorts must be tailored school shorts. They should be black and be worn just above the knee – pockets on the side are permitted a long as they are tailored shorts. Shorts can be worn all year round.</p>
Belt	<p>Where required, trousers should be supported by a plain black belt. This should be free from studs and have a plain buckle.</p>
Shirts	<p>Loose fashion shirts with collars unsuitable for wearing with a tie are not appropriate for school and should not be worn. Reversed shirts should not be worn. Shirts should have all buttons fastened and should be tucked in at the waist. Coloured or printed T-shirts must not be worn underneath white shirts or polo shirts. RBA Polo shirts can be worn as an alternative to the shirt and tie in the summer term.</p>
Skirt	<p>The length of the skirt should be knee length and pleated.</p>
Socks	<p>Black or white socks must be worn. Ankle or knee length socks are acceptable and trainer socks must not be worn.</p>
Shoes	<p>Trainers (this includes black trainers) and fashion shoes are unsuitable as school shoes and should not be worn. Shoes with heavily indented soles and 'ballerina' type shoes are also unsuitable and should not be worn. Black ankle boots may be worn to school. Some variation in style is inevitable, but shoes and boots should be plain black with flat soles and low heels. Appropriate footwear can be found at local retailers such as supermarkets and shoe shops.</p>
Hair	<p>All long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons. This includes hair that covers the eyes; this can be done with a plain Alice Band. Hair styles and colourings must be appropriate for the school environment.</p>
Non RBA Hoodies	<p>Students are not allowed to wear any fashion/sports/hooded sweatshirts at any time. This includes zoodies (hoodies with zips)</p>
Residential tops	<p>Students are allowed to wear any residential or representative tops for PE, in addition these tops can also be worn for extra-curricular activities. These must not be worn as an alternative to a school coat.</p>
Make-up	<p>Students are not allowed, under any circumstances, to wear any make-up. Students will be asked to remove make-up/nail varnish if it is worn. They will be provided with the correct equipment to do so.</p>

Appendix 1 – Jewellery guidance for PE related activities

At Robert Bloomfield Academy, our number one priority is the safety and welfare of our children and as a PE Department, we follow advice and guidelines of our professional association. With regards to wearing piercings and all jewellery in Physical Education lessons and sporting activities, the recommendation is that all piercings are to be removed for PE and that taping them alone does not protect the Students wearing the piercing or Students around them from injury. Injuries may include the tearing of the ear lobe or the post of the earring going into the neck (if hit by a ball for example) resulting in nerve damage.

We seek guidance from our Health and Safety Advisors and have sought further advice from a National PE Advisor, who states “The National guidance has always been that no jewellery should be worn in PE and that includes swimming and physical activity. It is also not safe to cover ear-rings / studs / sleepers with tape”.

With this in mind, we are informing you that earrings are to be removed for PE lessons, or sports activity, to allow them to safely participate practically. Our recommendation is that earrings are not worn at all on days where children have PE, as this will also reduce the chance of misplaced jewellery. Whilst we would encourage children to get their ears pierced at the start of the summer holidays, we appreciate that this may not have happened.

It is the adult teaching the groups responsibility to try to establish a safe situation. In order to keep Students safe in our care, and to follow the strong advice from a National PE Advisor and our Health and Safety Advisors, children who continue to wear earrings will not be able to take part in the practical element of lessons but will be able to take part in safe amended tasks or other roles, including but not limited to, coach, umpire or assistant until they are able to remove their earrings, after their initial piercing healing time period has elapsed.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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