



**OSH**  
OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL

# Uniform and Equipment

# School Uniform

The School's [Behaviour Policy](#) sets out the Dress Code applicable to all students. As with all aspects of school life the School has high standards and expectations for uniform however we have a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price. Accordingly, we have limited the number of such items in the dress code and where possible we try to avoid different uniform requirements for different year groups and houses.

We also realise that we suggest you obtain certain quantities of some uniform items, PE/games kit and bedding. This is to allow for time for items to go through the laundry, especially where students are boarders. We have tried to limit this, particularly where goods are branded. The OSH Shop sells pre-loved uniform and sports kit, including the branded blazer and sportswear. It is perfectly acceptable to buy uniform and kit from the OSH shop and many parents do.

We do however require all boarders' bedding (duvet, blue duvet cover and pillowcase set, and white fitted sheet) to be purchased from our nominated supplier as it is made to measure specifically for our beds, and all duvets are of a Proban treated cotton-covered fire-retardant material.

Full details of school uniform, including sports kit, are sent to all parents when their child is to be admitted to the School together with a copy of the Behaviour Policy.

Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times excepting where informal dress regulations or specified, approved, non-school uniform days apply. This means that students are expected to wear uniform whilst:

- On the School premises
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the School, Open Mornings, concerts and other such activities or where they are representing the school.

Informal dress regulations apply after 4pm on Monday to Friday and throughout the weekend, unless the student is put in detention, when full school uniform must be worn. Unless authorised, full school uniform will also be worn when students go to town during the week or when requested by the member of staff in charge of the activity.

Students attending sporting clubs and activities after school-hours must wear the correct kit as stipulated by the member of staff in charge of the activity.

This document sets out, for general information, a list of clothing comprising day wear and sports kit as well as items for boarding use, where they can be purchased and whether items are compulsory or optional.

Don't forget to label uniform and PE/games kit, to assist in re-uniting pieces of clothing with their owners when mislaid.

## Uniform for the school day – Years 7-11

	Supplier	Boys	Girls	Notes
OSH navy blue school blazer	Totally Uniform	✓	✓	Compulsory
Full length dark grey trousers	Totally Uniform or another supplier	✓	✓	
OSH knee length grey plaid pleated skirt,	Totally Uniform		✓	
Light blue long-sleeved shirt (Years 7-10) Year 11 may substitute a white shirt	Totally Uniform or another supplier. Generic white shirt	✓	✓	
Light blue short sleeved shirt (Years 7-10) Year 11 may substitute a white shirt	Totally Uniform or another supplier. Generic white shirt	✓	✓	Optional for summer dress. As an alternative, students may roll up the sleeve of their long-sleeved shirt
Grey or black socks	Generic	✓	✓	
Grey tights	Generic		✓	
OSH school ties	Totally Uniform	✓	✓	It is compulsory for all students to have the School tie. Other ties are optional and specific to certain houses or events for example, including, House ties. (Prefect ties, Sports or Music Colours and Cadet ties will be presented where appropriate to students.)
OSH blue school pullover	Totally Uniform	✓	✓	Optional item
Shoes – plain black leather and to be polished	Generic	✓	✓	These are NOT black leather trainers
Top coats – plain and of a dark, sober colour	Totally Uniform or generic	✓	✓	An official School coat is available from the school stockist although a suitable alternative may be used
OSH school scarf	Totally Uniform	✓	✓	Optional
Blue or grey turban/headscarf	Generic	✓	✓	If required for cultural/religious reasons
Lab coat for science	Totally Uniform or generic supplier	✓	✓	Compulsory
Apron for DT	Totally Uniform or generic supplier	✓	✓	Optional – some are available in school for student use
Apron for Food Technology	Totally Uniform or generic supplier	✓	✓	Optional – some are available in school for student use

## Uniform for the school day – Sixth Form

	Supplier	Boys	Girls	Notes
Business suit	Generic	✓		Smart plain, check or pinstripe black, navy or grey (mid grey/charcoal) suit of a conventional style, not tightly fitted and either single or double breasted style. Trousers to be full length.
Business suit	Generic		✓	Smart black, navy or grey (mid grey/charcoal) suit of a conventional style. The jacket may be matched with a dress, skirt or trousers each combination of which should match, be of conventional suit material and not fit tightly. The dress or skirt should be knee length to mid-calf and the trouser full length.
White or pastel coloured shirt	Generic	✓	✓	Plain or subtly striped and tone with the suit.
OSH school ties	Totally Uniform	✓		It is compulsory for boys to have the School/Sixth Form tie. (Prefects ties, Sports or Music Colours and Cadet ties will be presented where appropriate to students.)
Plain dark or neutral toned tights	Generic		✓	
Plain dark socks	Generic	✓	✓	
Plain dark crew or V-necked sweater, cardigan or waistcoat	Generic	✓	✓	Optional
Shoes or ankle boots – black or brown and to be polished	Generic	✓	✓	Heels should be no more than 2 inches high.
Top coats - plain and of a dark, sober colour	Generic	✓	✓	
OSH school/Sixth Form scarf	Totally Uniform	✓	✓	Optional
Blue or grey turban/headscarf	Generic	✓	✓	If required for cultural/religious reasons
Lab coat for science	Totally Uniform or Generic	✓	✓	Not required if NOT studying biology or chemistry
Apron for DT	Totally Uniform or Generic	✓	✓	Optional
Prefect gowns	Supplied by the School	✓	✓	

## PE/Games sports kit – all years

	Supplier	Boys	Girls	Notes
OSH Rugby sublimated top	Ron Flowers	✓		Compulsory
OSH PE top	Ron Flowers	✓	✓	Optional from Sept 26
OSH PE shorts	Ron Flowers	✓		Compulsory
OSH performance girls' polo	Ron Flowers		✓	Compulsory
OSH skort	Ron Flowers		✓	Compulsory
OSH sports socks	Ron Flowers	✓	✓	Optional from Sept 26
White ankle socks	Generic	✓	✓	Optional from Sept 26
Indoor and outdoor Trainers	Generic	✓	✓	Non-marking trainers are compulsory for Years 7-11
OSH tracksuit bottoms	Ron Flowers	✓	✓	Optional
OSH hoodie	Ron Flowers	✓	✓	Optional
OSH CCC midlayer	Ron Flowers	✓		Optional
Rugby headguard	Generic	✓		Optional
Shin guards	Generic	✓	✓	Compulsory for Years 7-11
Mouth guard	Opro or Generic	✓	✓	Compulsory for Years 7-11. Opro mouthguards are made to fit, come with the School logo on and are recommended.
Rugby / football boots	Generic	✓		Compulsory
OSH CCC leisure shorts	Ron Flowers	✓		Optional
Baselayer top and or shorts	Generic	✓		Optional
OSH Cricket Whites	Ron Flowers	✓	✓	Only required if representing the School in matches
OSH leggings	Ron Flowers		✓	Optional
OSH kit bag	Ron Flowers	✓	✓	Optional
OSH rucksack	Ron Flowers	✓	✓	Optional
OSH Oddballs hat	Ron Flowers	✓	✓	Optional, for winter time only
OSH baseball cap	Ron Flowers	✓	✓	Optional, for summer term only

Please note that if optional items are to be worn they must be either plain navy blue, or OSH-branded school uniform and not other brands. For example, plain navy blue tracksuit bottoms are acceptable but not Nike/Adidas tracksuit bottoms.

## Bedding – all years, boarders only

	Supplier	Boys	Girls	Notes
Duvet	Totally Uniform	✓	✓	
2 duvet cover sets (duvet cover and 1 pillowcase per set)	Totally Uniform	✓	✓	
Additional pillowcases	Totally Uniform	✓	✓	Optional
2 white fitted sheets	Totally Uniform	✓	✓	
Pillow	Generic	✓	✓	
Towels	Generic	✓	✓	2 bath towels and 2 hand towels
Indoor shoes for house use	Generic	✓	✓	Sturdy deck shoes are preferable to slippers
Coat hangers	Generic	✓	✓	Enough for uniform and home clothes
2 small padlocks for storage space	Generic	✓	✓	

## Outside of the school day

Boarders must keep an appropriate amount of clean, smart and presentable informal clothing in school and store it under the direction of Matrons and Housemasters.

Generally, students may wear their own sports kit for lunchtime and after school training lessons, sporting clubs and activities unless otherwise directed by the member of staff in charge of the activity.

## School suppliers

### **Totally Uniform, Kingswinford, Stourbridge and Halesowen**

Totally Uniform supply all items of official school uniform.

Items can be purchased direct from their shop or via their website:

[www.totallyuniform.co.uk](http://www.totallyuniform.co.uk). They also supply bedding, various ties, lab coats and aprons.

### **Ron Flowers Sports, Wolverhampton**

Official school sports kit is supplied by Ron Flowers Sports, who are based in Wolverhampton. Items can be purchased direct from their shop or via their website [www.ronflowerssports.com](http://www.ronflowerssports.com). They also offer an advance payment scheme; please enquire directly to Ron Flowers for more information.

## **OSH Shop**

The OSH Shop is located in Swinford Court, by Reception and offers good condition, pre-loved uniform and PE kit at a fraction of the original price. It is run by volunteer parents and all of its profits are donated back to school. Remember to visit us when you're tackling the task of buying uniform. It carries some sports kit, and aims for a wide range of sizes, but is of course dependent on what it receives as donations. It is also growing its Sixth Form supplies and, as the community of girls grows it will also hopefully increase its stock of girls' clothing.

The OSH Shop is a cashless outlet and instead accepts card payments or BACS transfers.

Please email [oshshop1@gmail.com](mailto:oshshop1@gmail.com) if you'd like to find out more.

## **Other school clothing**

All clothing items marked generic can be purchased from any appropriate high street/online outlet on the condition they meet the School's dress code. Please note that if optional items, that are marked as school branded, are to be worn then they must be items of school uniform and not other brands

## **Sport mouthguards**

If students are participating in either Hockey or Rugby in school they will, in the interest of safety, require a mouthguard as part of their compulsory kit. The School work with OPRO, who are the largest manufacturers of Custom-Fit mouthguards in the world. OPRO have launched their revolutionary Instant Custom-Fit mouthguard which is a dentist level mouthguard that can be fitted at home. Links to purchase via OPRO will be provided in the joining instructions.

Whilst we are providing this opportunity through OPRO we are happy for pupils to have mouthguards from other suppliers. Mouthguards are available from various suppliers at a range of prices. They do vary in quality and the level of protection they offer.

## **Name tapes**

Name tapes are essential items for all students and must show not only the students' name but also their Boarding House. These can be supplied by Totally Uniform, and both Totally Uniform and Ron Flowers Sport offer naming services. Please contact the suppliers directly to discuss. Alternatively, you are welcome to use another provider.

## **Overseas students**

Suppliers offer a delivery service for all school uniform to parents/guardians of overseas students only, as they may experience difficulties in visiting their shops. Please contact suppliers directly and as soon as possible to discuss your requirements. They can also arrange for name tapes to be sewn into clothing purchased from them, for an additional cost.

## **School Equipment**

### **Essential**

- Pencil case
- Writing pens (at least two in case one runs out)
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Pencil sharpener
- Highlighter
- Glue stick
- Green pen for marking
- Protractor
- Compass
- Scientific calculator (preferably CASIO Scientific solar powered)

### **Desirable**

- Colouring pencils
- A range of highlighters in different colours