

School Uniform – 2025/26

Students in Years 7 to 11 are expected to wear school uniform. The uniform is very important, as it constitutes a visible representation of the school and its values. Students are expected to wear the uniform smartly during the school day and on their way to and from school. Students must arrive onto the school site in full uniform. We allow students to wear a coat over their uniform. Hoodies are not permitted, as they are not part of the school uniform.

Parents should be aware that the manufacturers of some items of uniform and kit has been quoted. Other manufacturers of similar items of uniform will be a different colour and will not match the official school uniform and therefore parents may be asked to replace the incorrect item should they be bought. Students in receipt of Pupil Premium should contact the school to discuss the support that is available.

The purpose of the uniform is:

- to promote a positive image of the school to students, parents and members of the public.
- to maintain the traditions of the school thereby encouraging a sense of identity and pride in our students.
- to provide smart, attractive, cost effective and hard-wearing clothing suitable for all seasons.
- to help maintain a disciplined and safe learning environment free from distraction.

School Uniform

We highly recommend all uniform and kit is labelled with the student's name in. This should be sewn in or written onto the label with a laundry pen.

- School blazer (There are currently 2 manufacturers of school blazer; Winterbottoms and David Luke (**not** the TotalEcoOL model). Students in Y7 and Y8 should only purchase the Winterbottoms blazer, students in other year groups can wear either. The blazer **must** have the embroidered current school logo (**not** a patch badge)*.
- Regular fit, **tailored** school uniform trousers – charcoal grey or plain black. Tight fitting, drainpipe or skinny-fit trousers are **not** permitted
- Pleated or pencil brown skirt worn at, or below, the knee. (The minimum skirt length should be 20 inches).
- White stiff collared shirt/blouse (long or short sleeved), long enough to be tucked in and worn with the top button fastened. Capped sleeved blouses are **not** permitted.
- School tie in brown and gold stripe with house colour badge
- Short grey or black socks or plain tights (black, brown or beige). Trainer socks, or sports socks are **not** permitted
- Smart black leather/leather-like or equivalent, 'school/formal' shoes with flat heels** with a dark sole. High heels, boots, trainers and canvas shoes are **not** permitted
- Grey school pullover (**optional**) with the school colours within the trim. Other items worn under the blazer are **not** permitted.
- Headscarves worn for religious reasons should be plain and in keeping with the uniform (in brown, black or dark grey material). For safeguarding reasons, these should not obscure the knot of the tie, the lanyard, or the lapels of the blazer where school badges will be worn.

Jewellery & Make-Up

Make-up is **not** permitted.

Students can wear **one** plain earring stud in each earlobe.

Other visible jewellery is **not** permitted.

Hair should be in a professional style, avoiding extreme styles designed to draw attention and should be of natural colour.

School Lapel Pin Badges

As part of our House Rewards system students are awarded a lapel pin badge for numerous aspects of their school life, from maintaining the grammar school ethos in and out of lessons, attending extra-curricular societies and outstanding academic success.

Pin badges awarded in the current year should be worn on the **left-hand** lapel of the blazer. **Only** Headteacher Award pin badges awarded in previous years should be worn on the **right-hand** lapel of the blazer. Other pin badges from previous years such as the 1898 and Academic pin-badges should be removed and stored at home. Other pin badges for appropriate charities, or organisations that students support should only be worn at the appropriate time as communicated by school.

Lanyard

All students are provided with a lanyard. The colour of the lanyard denotes the year group. Students will also be provided with an identification badge. Both the lanyard and the badge must be worn at all times (unless specified by a teacher, for example during games and DT lessons). If the lanyard and/or ID card become damaged they must be replaced immediately and a cost will be charged via ParentPay.

PE Kit for Physical Education and Games

All jewellery must be removed for PE and games lessons. Long hair should be tied up or back. Headscarves should be removed or should be tight fitting or of balaclava style.

There are two aspects to the PE kit at Heckmondwike Grammar School:

- Compulsory items
- Optional items

Within the compulsory items there may be a choice of kit that can be worn depending on preference.

We advise students to ensure they are suitably attired for the different Yorkshire seasons – see below for information about permitted base layers.

*All the PE kit is made **only** by Akoa (with the exception of the rain jacket, which is manufactured by Falcon)*

Compulsory items

PE kit: Upper Body - Only ONE of the following two items is required

- School branded polo sport shirt - short sleeve (unisex or female fit as available)
- OR**
- School branded polo sport shirt - long sleeve (unisex fit as available)

PE kit: Lower Body - Only ONE of the following three items is required

- School branded shorts
- Or**
- School branded fitted track pants
- Or**
- School branded leggings

PE kit: Footwear**

- Black sports socks in House colours
- Indoor trainers (for use in the sports hall)
- Football boots (plastic or moulded studs only as these may be worn on the MUGA *and* grass playing fields – these can be used for football and/or hockey)

Personal protective equipment

- Shin pads and a gum shield (for Hockey & Football)

Other Information

We highly recommend that students purchase a plain black base layer (top and/or bottoms) to wear underneath their PE kit. This must be only plain black - without stripes, logos or emblems that would be visible when worn with the PE kit.

Please note that no other items may be worn as PE kit.

**See Appendix 1 for examples of suitable footwear for both the school uniform and PE kit

Appendix 1

Suitable shoes: The following shoes are **suitable** for school



Unsuitable shoes: The following shoes are **unsuitable** for school.

- Any shoe made by any sportswear brand
- Any type of boot
- Any canvas shoe



PE Footwear

Suitable Indoor Footwear for PE



Suitable Outdoor Footwear for PE



Appendix 2

Heckmondwike Grammar School has three authorised stockists for their uniform.

- FHB School Uniform
- Rawcliffes
- SmartUniforms

All of these stockists have provided a guarantee that they will provide the exact specification of the uniform as described within the policy and have been issued with a “HGS Certificate of Authenticity” that will be displayed in their place of business.

Should it be discovered that any of the authorised stockists are not selling HGS uniform to the exact specification as described in the policy, their Certificate of Authenticity will be rescinded with immediate effect. Following this, parents will be contacted to ensure that they are aware that uniform sold by that stockist is not the correct specification and should not be purchased.