



ARDEN - SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many institutions require conventional dress. The conventional dress for a school is its school uniform. Pupils in uniform enhance their own reputations and prospects by enhancing those of the school. Controlled and sensible behaviour should also be regarded as part of the school uniform.

Uniform	
Blazer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School green, complete with pocket badge (compulsory Years 7-11)
Tie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arden school tie worn in a tidy knot no more than 4 cm across and 7 stripes in length
Trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black or dark grey, regulation school style trouser No bootleg, jeggings, jeans or other fashion trousers.
Skirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arden skirt only with 'A' embroidered at the top of the skirt. The 'A' must be visible, i.e., skirts must not be rolled up and the overall length should not be more than 4 cm above the knee.
Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short or long-sleeved white shirts (pupils' own preference), button to neck collar
Shirt (period after Easter until end of term in July)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With trousers - white, short or long-sleeved shirt, buttoned to the neck with a tie With skirt - white, short-sleeved, open neck blouse without a tie If preferred the long-sleeved shirt may continue to be worn, buttoned to the neck with a tie.
Knitwear (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jumper - Years 7-9, grey with green/gold/green band, Years 10-11, plain bottle green Cardigan - Years 7-9, grey with green/gold/green band, Years 10-11, plain bottle green.
Socks/Tights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black or dark grey socks with trousers White, black or dark grey ankle socks with the skirt Black or neutral-coloured tights with the skirt
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black only Shoes must be of a solid, robust and traditional style. Shoes that look like trainers, trainers and sport branded shoes are not permitted. Low heels are allowed but no light-weight fashion shoes. Canvas pumps/trainers should not be worn to school (except for in P.E. lessons). <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>

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Scarf (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain black or bottle green
Coats (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils may wear an overcoat which is completely plain and of a single colour, without pattern or obvious motif
PE Kit	
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A pair of clean, laced trainers for indoor/outdoor use Football boots and shin pads (optional but are required for school teams and after school clubs)
KS3 and KS4 Core PE Top*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arden bottle green/black T-shirt – short or long sleeved MUST HAVE PUPIL'S INITIALS EMBROIDERED ON FRONT Arden bottle green/black ¼ zip mid-layer top (optional) <p>(Please note: ¼ zip top is an optional extra but with the majority of PE lessons being outside, pupils may need another layer to keep warm. No school jackets or other jumpers/hoodies are permitted in PE lessons. Base layers may also be worn underneath tops but they must be plain black, white or grey)</p>
KS4 GCSE PE / BTEC Sport Top*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arden white T-Shirt – long or short sleeved (optional) MUST HAVE PUPIL'S INITIALS EMBROIDERED ON FRONT <p>(Please note: an additional top is available due to the increase in practical lessons for pupils taking GCSE PE/BTEC Sport) Base layers may also be worn underneath tops but they must be plain black, white or grey)</p>
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short socks, white Arden bottle green and gold long sport socks (optional but are required for school teams and after school clubs) <p>(Please note: pupils cannot wear their school uniform black socks/tights for PE lessons)</p>
Shorts, Skort, Leggings, Tracksuit Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils must wear AT LEAST ONE of these items: Arden bottle green/black shorts or plain black (no logos or additional colours permitted) Arden bottle green/black skort (the skort length should be mid-thigh; if it is deemed to be too short, we will ask that leggings/tracksuit bottoms are worn) Arden black leggings or plain black leggings (no stripes, logos or piping allowed (please ensure they are appropriate for exercise) Arden black tracksuit bottoms or plain black tracksuit bottoms (no stripes, logos or piping allowed) <p>(Please note: no other branded items to be worn (e.g., Adidas, Nike))</p>
PE/Games Kit Bag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any zipped/drawstring bag (not a plastic carrier bag)
Other	<p>Other equipment, e.g., gum shield, will be required if they wish to represent the school at rugby/hockey</p> <p>Please note that, for Health & Safety reasons, no smart watches or 'Fitbits' will be allowed during participation in PE/Sport lessons</p> <p>School will provide all other equipment needed, e.g., hockey sticks, balls, but pupils may bring their own sticks, racquets.</p>

Other	
Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No jewellery other than a plain strapped watch (smart watches that have the capability of being used as a phone or connecting to a phone are not allowed in school – see separate guidance relating to mobile phones/smart watches). • Pupils may wear one plain silver or gold stud (max 3mm diameter) in each earlobe. • No other piercings are permitted.
Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair should be kept tidy, with no extreme hairstyles, e.g., tramlines shaved into the hair and eyebrows are not permitted as part of the school uniform • Hair dye is not allowed. • Long hair should be tied back in practical lessons using a plain black hair bobble. • A plain black or dark green band/slide is permitted.
Make-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Years 7, 8 and 9 make-up and nail varnish are NOT permitted. • In Years 10 and 11 a small amount of discreet make-up is allowed, but lipstick, coloured lip salve, eye liner, false eyelashes, eyelash extensions or any other obvious make-up are not permitted. Pupils must not bring make-up into school.
Nails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nail varnish, gel nails and nail extensions are also not permitted in any year group, therefore please ensure any false or gel nails are removed before attending school.
Turbans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black or dark green
Hijabs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black and pinned under the chin to stay on the head comfortably.
Bag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bag fit for the purpose of carrying school equipment, books and folders. Small hand/shoulder bags and carrier bags are not allowed. Bags should be of discreet colour and design.

Additional Information/Guidance:

1. Items showing with * need embroidering with pupil's initials.

2. Pupils should bring their PE kit to all PE lessons (even if injured). If pupils are unable to take part in a practical way, then they will be expected to play a full part in the lesson in a non-practical role (for example as a coach, umpire or match reporter) to ensure that they still get the most out of the lesson.

3. It is important that **all personal belongings are clearly marked with the owner's full name**

4. If parents are unsure about any uniform item, they are advised to seek clarification from the Academy before purchase.

5. Stockists of School uniform are:

- Palmers of Knowle – <https://www.palmersschoolwear.co.uk/> (also sell school shoes)
- Monkhouse School wear of Solihull - <https://www.monkhouse.com/>

Both of these outlets offer an online service for purchasing uniforms and also offer an embroidery service for putting pupil's initials on the outside of the P.E. tops (Palmers will embroider pre-loved items too)

6. Second Hand Uniform/PE Kit – please see our PTFA's Facebook page for items available – 'Arden PTFA Pre-loved Uniform': **please note that new Year 7 pupils are unable to wear PE kit items from pre-September 2023**