

Robert Clack School of Science

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Introduction

At Robert Clack School we pride ourselves on being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, travelling to and from school, or when participating in school-organised events outside of normal school hours. We ask our pupils to take pride in their personal appearance.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- engenders a sense of community and belonging to the School.
- is practical and smart and ensures that pupils are not treated differently due to the clothes that they choose to wear.
- identifies the pupils with the School.

Girls	Boys
Black blazer with school badge	Black blazer with school badge
Black tailored, regular fit, trousers (6"-8" hem width) to be worn on or above the hips.* Or Black knee length box pleated skirt to be worn at or just above the knee.	Black tailored, regular fit, trousers (6"-8" hem width) to be worn on or above the hips.*
White school shirt with collar which must be fully tucked in at all times.	White school shirt with collar which must be fully tucked in at all times.
School tie worn to waist length and visible at all times.	School tie worn to waist length and visible at all times.
A 'v'-necked, plain black school jumper is - optional, to be worn under the blazer <u>but not</u> <u>in place of the blazer.</u>	A 'v'-necked, plain black school jumper is optional, to be worn under the blazer but not in place of the blazer.
Plain black socks. (Low cut, trainer socks are not allowed) Or Plain black- or flesh-coloured, full-length tights.	Plain black socks. (Low cut, trainer socks are not allowed)
Religious headwear, if worn, must be black and arranged so that the tie is visible.	Religious headwear, if worn, must be black and arranged so that the tie is visible.
Hair accessories: small and simple in black, white or red, with no large decorations.	Hair accessories: small and simple in black, white or red, with no large decorations.
Sensible**, flat black shoes, including Kickers	Sensible**, flat black shoes, including Kickers

^{*} Pupils cannot wear shorts or tracksuit bottoms under their school trousers.

- In cold weather, a plain, dark coloured outer jacket is permitted.
- Uniform can be purchased online from: https://www.khalsaschoolwear.co.uk.

^{**} No heels or 'fashion shoes'. For example, platform shoes or ankle straps. Kicker shoes may be worn in school. We do not allow "Timberland", "Lacoste", "Vans", trainers, plimsolls or canvas shoes.

•	Items not listed above are not part of the School Uniform and cannot be worn.

Jewellery, Hair, Make-up, and other items

- Jewellery is not allowed.
- Hoodies and tracksuit tops are not allowed.
- If belts are worn, they must be plain and black with a plain buckle. Buckles must not be oversized or emblazoned with logos.
- Only badges and items provided by the School can be worn and / or displayed.
- Hair bands, ribbons, bows or 'scrunchies' must be plain and either black, red or white.
- Hair bands must not have large flowers or other decorations attached.
- A silk/satin headscarf may be worn if it is plain black and no wider than 1 inch either side of the hairline with no large bows or knots.
- Make up, nail varnish, false nails and false eyelashes must not be worn to school.
- Pupils must not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed non-natural colours.
- Pupils must not have patterns or sections cut into their eyebrows.
- No tattoos or visible undergarments are permitted.

School uniform expectations during lessons:

- Students must adhere to the School's uniform policy during lessons. If the weather is hot, then students may be allowed to remove blazers.
- We take pride in our school tie and badge and they must be visible at all times.

School uniform expectations at Break Time and Lunch Time:

- Students will adhere to the School's uniform policy, including wearing their blazers at all times, if they are in or around the main school buildings.
- If students are involved in some form of physical activity in an open space, then blazers may be removed.

School uniform expectations when students leave the School site at the end of the day:

At the end of each day all students will adhere to the School's uniform policy when they
are leaving the site or in close proximity to the School and when travelling home from
school.

The Role of Parents/carers.

We believe that one of the key responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that **the pupil's name is visibly labelled on all items.**

If a parent/carer has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak to a member of school staff.

Uniform for Physical Education and Sports

For all students:

- Robert Clack School rugby jersey in red with blue side panels (winter and summer).
- · Robert Clack School black shorts with school crest.
- Robert Clack School red polo shirt with school crest (summer only)
- Black silk/satin scarves can be worn to protect hair during contact sports, which must be tied tightly at the back of the head.
- Long, plain red football socks.
- Training shoes (no plimsolls).
- Rugby/football boots (compulsory for girls and boys).
- Towel and change of underwear.
- Shin pads and gum shields are required for all sports including hockey, football and rugby.

Optional:

- Robert Clack School black tracksuit bottoms with school crest optional for cold weather lessons.
- Cricket whites for those selected for the school team.

Please note all PE kit is available to buy from Khalsa Schoolwear

Sixth Form Dress Code

Sixth form students are important role-models for our younger students and their attire should reflect the high aspirations and professionalism of the sixth form community.

All students, both male and female, are expected to wear a **formal**, **plain suit**:

- Boys Formal plain suit with jacket and trousers, shirt and tie.
- Girls Formal plain suit consisting of a jacket with either trousers, a skirt or dress. A formal buttoned shirt or a blouse (or suitably professional equivalent) must also be worn.
- Everyone will be expected to wear smart leather (or leather-look) shoes.
- Everyone will be expected to wear the Robert Clack Sixth Form Lanyard and ID badge (stickers or badges must not be added).

Clarifications and further detail

Male uniform clarifications:

A suit consists of a plain formal suit jacket and formal suit trousers.

- Formal plain suit trousers
- Skin-tight trousers, jeans or leggings must not be worn.
- Formal collared shirt with tie
- Buttoned shirts can be short or long sleeved.
- Plain leather or leather-look formal shoes worn with plain dark coloured socks.
- Optional: Plain formal jumper or cardigan can be worn but must show the shirt and tie. This should be worn as well as the jacket not instead of.
- Hoodies and tracksuit tops are not allowed.

Female uniform clarifications:

A suit consists of plain formal suit jacket with either a pair of formal suit trousers, formal suit skirt or formal suit dress.

- Formal plain suit trousers
- Skin-tight trousers, jeans or leggings must not be worn.
- Formal plain suit skirt or dress
- Knee length or longer. No high slits or zips.
- Skirts and dresses cannot be skin-tight and those made of a stretch fabric must still allow the garment to drape.
- Skirts and dresses that become shorter due to over stretchy material are not acceptable.
- Shoulderless or thin strap dresses must not be worn. Dresses must have a modest neckline.
- Formal buttoned shirt or a blouse (or suitably professional equivalent)
- Tops can be short or long sleeved and must be loose fitting.
- Shoulderless, thin strap, sleeveless, see-through or lace tops must not be worn.
- Tops must have a modest neckline. Tops must not be skin-tight and bare midriffs are not appropriate. Undergarments should not be visible.
- Plain leather or leather-look formal shoes that are flat or low heeled.
- Plain black or flesh-coloured tights only, if socks are worn, they should be plain and dark in colour.
- Optional: Plain formal jumper or cardigan can be worn but must show the shirt. This should be worn as well as the jacket not instead of.
- Hoodies and tracksuit tops are not allowed.

Further uniform information:

- Outerwear such as coats, hats, gloves, neck scarves etc must be removed on entry to the school building. Outwear can only be worn a break times, lunch times and after school whilst pupils are outside of the building.
- Headwear is not permitted except for religious reasons.
- ID badges must be worn on lanyards and visible at all times on the school site.
- The use of mobile phones is only permitted in the sixth form area. Mobile phones and headphones should not be used (or visible) anywhere else in the school.
- Extreme hairstyles (cuts or colours) are not allowed.
- Discreet jewellery a small stud may be worn.
- Tattoos must not be visible.
- A minimal amount of make-up can be worn. Make-up should appear natural, discreet and be acceptable in all professional environments.
- False nails and/or nail varnish must be discreet.
- Only badges and items provided by the school can be displayed.
- If belts are worn, they must be plain and black with a plain buckle. Buckles must not be oversized or emblazoned with logos.

If students fail to adhere to the dress code, they will be asked to return home to change into clothes that meet the above requirements. Any lessons missed as a result of this will be recorded as an absence from school.

Primary School Uniform

Children are always proud to wear their uniform and it has many benefits such as giving a sense of belonging and making it easier for staff to identify children when on school trips.

You can purchase our school uniform from Khalsa Schoolwear or in school.

The uniform is as follows:

- Red school sweater / cardigan (with school logo);
- White polo shirt (with school logo);
- Black trousers / jogging bottoms / skirt / pinafore dress;
- School Bookbag (with school logo);
- Boys are able to wear black shorts in the summer and girls can wear red and white summer dresses.
- Shoes must be black. No open-toed sandals.
- Black / White Tights or socks

Children are **not permitted** to wear jewellery to school, this includes earrings. Wearing jewellery of any kind can be dangerous for your child because the jewellery may get caught or accidentally pulled which can cause a painful and unpleasant accident.

Children must have sensible haircuts/styles and extremes of colour are not permitted (hair colour must be natural colours).

PE Kit

- White T Shirt
- Black jogging bottoms / shorts
- Black plimsolls
- Drawstring bag to keep the kit in (with school logo)

Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their first and last name, this should include their school shoes and PE plimsolls.

Items not listed above are not part of the School Uniform and cannot be worn.