

Uniform & Equipment

At Fitzharrys, we have a clear and balanced uniform policy. Students take pride in their uniform and staff work with students and parents/carers to ensure our expectations are met. Find more information on our uniform policy on the school website at: <https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/school-life/uniform/>

There have been several changes to uniform based on the updated Department for Education guidance. This focusses on restricting the number branded items. We have 4 compulsory branded items, these are: the tie; the school blazer; the PE polo shirt; and the reversible rugby/sports shirt. There are optional branded items such as our summer polo shirt and V-neck jumper, but these are not compulsory items.

All starred* items marked are available online through our uniform supplier: **Price & Buckland**. Please note, double-starred** items are **only** available through Price & Buckland.

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/fitzharrys>

Please ensure uniform and equipment are **clearly named** for ease of returning to owners if lost.

Standard School Uniform

- **School tie** (available direct from Fitzharrys School only)
Please note: ties are usually available to buy at our Transition events. Beyond these events, payments for ties can be made online via the *Shop* section in the *Payments* tab of your *ParentMail* account. Parents/carers will receive login details in due course
- **Plain white school shirt** with all white buttons and collar – no logos or blouses
- **Plain black tailored trousers**
- **Plain black, formal skirts** which must be knee-length. These must not be tight fitting. Examples of acceptable skirt styles are A-line, pleated or skater
- **Black blazer** with school badge**
- Optional: **Navy blue v-necked jumper** with school badge** Please note, this is not a replacement for a blazer but can be worn underneath the blazer if students choose to
- **Plain grey, white or black socks** or **black or natural tights**. Socks are not permitted to be worn over tights
- **Sensible black school shoes** – no trainers

To help make selecting school shoes easier, we have produced guidance with clear direction on permissible shoe styles:

<https://fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/assets/SCHOOL-LIFE/SCHOOL-SHOE-GUIDANCE.pdf>

We appreciate that some shops sell a range of styles that they will advertise as school shoes, but please check our guidance carefully before purchasing – many of these styles do not meet Fitzharrys School's uniform requirements.

Summer Uniform

For terms 5-6 only

- Optional: **Blue polo shirt** with school badge** can replace shirt, tie, and blazer
- Optional: **Navy blue V-necked jumper** with school badge**
- Optional: **Black tailored shorts*** of appropriate length - no sport or soft fabric shorts
- Blazers are not compulsory in the summer term

PE Uniform

- **Navy blue shadow shorts*** (shadow stripe)
- **Navy/sky blue PE polo shirt** with school badge**
- **Navy blue reversible rugby/sports shirt****
- Optional: **PE sweatshirt** with school badge** (for Key Stage 4 students only)
- **Navy blue rugby/football sports socks***
- **Trainers**
- **Football boots**

Additional Uniform Guidance

- A **plain, dark outer coat** may be worn, but the school does not allow hoodies or tech-fleece tops. These will be confiscated. Other non-uniform-coloured sweatshirts are not acceptable as outside coats.
- **Trousers** should be smart without any additional decoration: jeans, tracksuit bottoms and other forms of non-school trousers should not be worn.
- **Hair** should be a natural colour.
- **Piercings** - Students are permitted to wear one stud in each ear should they choose to. Nose piercings need to be plastic/clear or removed. No other facial piercings are allowed.
- Students are allowed to wear **watches**. Any other jewellery is not permitted.
- **Trainers** are not to be worn in school, except under the following conditions:
 - PE lessons
 - At break and lunchtime, students are permitted to wear trainers for taking part in sports on the field, on the sports courts, or for organised club by the PE Department. However, students must change back into their school shoes when they have finished playing.
- For health and safety reasons, high heels, Crocs, sliders and flip flops are not allowed. Please see our detailed shoes guidance for more details on permissible shoe styles:
<https://fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/assets/SCHOOL-LIFE/SCHOOL-SHOE-GUIDANCE.pdf>
- **Nails** should be natural in colour.
- Students in years 10 and 11 may wear **light make-up**.
- **Extremes of fashion** in clothes, or hair, or styles of dress which cause offence or are unsafe, are not acceptable.
- **School bags** should be an appropriate size (i.e. rucksack) to carry key belongings and offer protection to the items they carry inside; strictly no handbags or extra small sports bags.
- Students may wear an appropriate **sun hat** in terms 5 and 6 if the weather is hot and sunny. This is for outdoor wear only at break and lunch times.

- **Headscarves** – plain navy blue, white, or black. Headscarves should be folded under the chin, taken round to the back of the neck & the ends tucked in, to conform to health & safety requirements.

We believe this code makes appropriate allowances for cultural and religious traditions. Parents should discuss the necessity for any variation to the code with the Headteacher. Please note that the Headteacher reserves the right to send students home who are not appropriately dressed.

Uniform Fittings

Our Student Services office holds a full collection of sample school blazers, jumpers, summer polo shirts and PE uniform in all sizes; students are very welcome to try these on for size before purchasing items online. If you require a uniform fitting, it is advisable to contact the school and make an appointment with our Office Manager.

Second-hand Uniform

Our Student Services office also holds a stock of second-hand uniform which can be purchased for a small donation. You are welcome to contact us at any time during the school year if you are interested in purchasing items second-hand; our office manager will be able to let you know what we have in stock. Second-hand uniform stock should be available to buy at our Transition events.

Equipment

- **Two pens**
- **Pencils**
- **30cm ruler**
- **Colour pencils** (these are more useful than felt tips)
- **Eraser**
- **Pencil sharpener**
- **A whiteboard pen/dry-wipe marker**
- **Protractor**
- **Compass**
- **Scientific calculator** with a fraction button – recommended: CASIO **fx-83GTCW+** or **fx-85GTCW+**

Optional but useful equipment also includes a **glue stick** (i.e. Pritt Stick or similar) and **highlighter pens**.

Key Stage 3 students are expected to have a current **reading book** with them at all times. They may be asked to get this out at short notice in any lesson. Year 7 will have regular access to the library during break and lunch times to check out a book if needed. **Please make sure your child brings in a current reading book with them at the start of term.** They will be asked to show this to their English teacher in their first week. Any book which interests your child is fine; we will work with them to guide them towards suitably challenging and engaging texts once we have got an idea of their interests and reading ability. For examples of suggested reading material, please see the list: **100 Books to read before you leave Fitzharrys** on our school website:

<https://fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/assets/STUDENTS/100-Books.pdf>

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Locker Hire

Students can use school lockers to safely store belongings. They are available to hire for £25 for a student's school career. To organise this, parents and carers can pay for locker hire via their ParentMail accounts, once they have received their login details. £2.50 will be paid on return of the locker key at the end of Year 11. Refunds are available if students leave Fitzharrys School before this time.

Valuable Items

Valuable items including ear pods/headphones/other electronic devices and cash should not be brought into school, and we would discourage students from bringing in any expensive items; Fitzharrys cannot accept responsibility for any belongings that students bring on to site. If this is essential and cannot be avoided, pass items directly to Student Services for safekeeping.

Mobile Phones

Fitzharrys School appreciates that parents and carers may wish for their child to carry a mobile phone for reasons of personal safety. Students may bring a mobile phone to school, but we cannot take responsibility for phones or other electronic devices brought onto site.

We have a clear and enforced policy to manage students' use of mobile phones. Students are not allowed to have their phones out or switched on during the school day. Our policy is in line with the government guidance around mobile phones in schools, and we believe that this is a positive choice for our school community, ensuring greater focus on learning, building positive relationships, and extra-curricular opportunities in school.

We will expect mobile phones or other devices to be off and safely stored away in bags when students are on site. The approach of 'See it, hear it, lose it' is used. Students may be permitted to use their mobile phones in very specific lessons, however if they are seen or heard without the permission of a member of staff they will be confiscated, with escalating consequences if caught more than once. Fitzharrys' regulated approach encourages a focus on learning, socialising, and reducing screen time.

We encourage parents not to communicate with their child by mobile during the day, and to use the main school office to make contact, where contact is necessary. If there is an emergency and you need to reach your child, then you will be able to contact us in the usual way. Adhering to this system ensures staff are kept informed and enables a robust safeguarding system.

To read our full Mobile Phone policy, please visit the school website:

<https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/policies/>