





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 and worn in a tidy knot no more than 4cm 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 4cm above the knee.
Long-sleeved shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long sleeved white, button to neck collar
Short-sleeved shirt (period after Easter until end of term in July)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With trousers - white short 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;">   </div>
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
Physical Education	
Games Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A pair of clean, laced trainers should be kept for indoor/outdoor use
Short Sleeved Games Top*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green polo top For GCSE or Diploma a P.E. black polo
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short, white
Shorts*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black only rugby style shorts or lycra cycling shorts
Skort*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skort - bottle green, combination shorts/skirt. The skort length should be mid-thigh (if it is deemed to be too short, we will ask that leggings/joggers are worn)

Games leggings/tracksuit bottoms (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leggings - black with Arden name on left calf Tracksuit bottoms - plain black with/without Arden embroidery (no stripes, logos or piping allowed) No other branded items to be worn
Long Sleeved Games Top* OR Long Sleeved Quarter Zip sweatshirt*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottle green and gold
Games socks (for football, rugby, hockey etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottle and gold socks
PE/Games kit bag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any zipped/drawstring bag (not a plastic carrier bag)
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). Students 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. 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. Students must not bring make-up into 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.

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

Students should bring their PE kit to all PE lessons (even if injured). If students 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.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE OWNER'S FULL NAME (THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE INITIALS EMBROIDERED ON THE OUTSIDE)

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

Stockists of School uniform in the standard colours are:
 Palmers of Knowle – <https://www.palmersschoolwear.co.uk/> (also sell school shoes)
 Monkhouse Schoolwear of Shirley - <https://www.monkhouse.com/>

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

Second Hand Uniform – please see our PTFA's Facebook page for items available – 'Arden PTFA Pre-loved Uniform'