



Blundell's

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New Uniform

2024 – ONWARDS



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INTRODUCTION

We are very pleased to be able to unveil our new school uniform, which pupils will wear from September 2024. We first began consulting on this uniform change in the Spring of 2022, driven by three primary objectives. Firstly to simplify our uniform, secondly to create a modern and contemporary uniform that is more reflective of the quality of our school, and finally to reflect the ever-stronger links between the Prep and Senior schools.

Working with our chosen supplier, Schoolblazer, we have created a uniform which we think meets this brief perfectly. We are delighted with the results, and think that our pupils will now have a uniform which reflects the contemporary, impressive nature of our schools, while at the same time respecting our heritage and history.

We hope that this brochure not only lets you see the new uniform itself, but will also answer any questions you may have about the more practical aspects of ordering and purchasing. In particular, there is a Frequently Asked Questions section at the end of the brochure, which I do suggest that you look through as we have tried to make this as comprehensive as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the large number of people who have been involved in making this uniform change a reality, and in particular those pupils, staff and parents who sat on our focus groups, and who have helped to inform the design as it has evolved over the past 18 months. We are very proud of this new uniform, and we feel sure that pupils will feel an equal sense of pride when wearing it.

Matt Radley

SECOND MASTER







Pre-Prep and Prep Uniform





Senior Uniform



Girls Uniform Pricing

Nursery Uniform

ITEM	PRICE
Sweatshirt	£21.00
Polo Shirt	£16.00
Joggers	£18.50
Ankle Socks (3pk)	£7.90

Pre-Prep Uniform

RECEPTION, YEARS 1 & 2

ITEM	PRICE
Stormproof Coat	£43.00
Blazer	£125.00
Cardigan	£30.00
Pinafore	£45.00
Blouse (2pk)	£24.50
Long Socks (3pk)	£8.90
Tights (2pk)	£9.90
From March 2025	
Summer Dress	£29.50
Ankle Socks (3pk)	£8.90

Prep Uniform

YEARS 3 - 6

ITEM	PRICE
Stormproof Coat	£43.00
Blazer	£125.00
Cardigan	£30.00
V Neck Jumper	£30.00
Culottes	£43.00
Blouse	£24.50
Long Socks (3pk)	£8.90
Tights (2pk)	£9.90
From March 2025	
Summer Dress	£29.50
Ankle Socks (3pk)	£8.90

Senior School Uniform

YEARS 7 - 11

ITEM	PRICE
Heavyweight Puffer Jacket	*£64.75
Blazer	*£145.50
V Neck Jumper	*£30.00
Skirts	*£43.25
Trousers	*£30.00
Blouse (2pk)	*£24.50
Tights (2pk)	£8.10

6th Form Girls

YEARS 12 - 13

ITEM	PRICE
Heavyweight Puffer Jacket	*£64.75
Blazer	*£145.50
1/4 Zip Jumper	£50.50
Skirts	*£43.25
Trousers	*£30.00
Blouse (2pk)	*£24.50
Tights (2pk)	£8.10

PLEASE NOTE:

Most of the prices shown here are exclusive of VAT as under current legislation clothing for children is zero rated. However VAT may be chargeable on larger sizes where marked with an asterisk*.

Boys Uniform Pricing

Nursery Uniform

ITEM	PRICE
Sweatshirt	£21.00
Polo Shirt	£16.00
Joggers	£18.50
Ankle Socks (3pk)	£7.90

Pre-Prep Uniform

RECEPTION, YEARS 1 & 2

ITEM	PRICE
Stormproof Coat	£43.00
Blazer	£125.00
V Neck Jumper	£30.00
Shorts	£36.75
Trousers	£30.00
Shirt (2pk)	£24.50
Long Socks (1pk)	£11.00

Senior School Uniform

YEARS 7 – 11

ITEM	PRICE
Heavyweight Puffer Jacket	*£64.75
Blazer	*£145.00
V Neck Jumper	*£30.00
Trousers	*£30.00
Shirt (2pk)	*£24.50
Tie (56")	£12.85
Ankle Socks (3pk)	£8.90

Prep Uniform

YEARS 3 – 6

ITEM	PRICE
Stormproof Coat	£43.00
Blazer	£125.00
V Neck Jumper	£30.00
Shorts	£36.75
Trousers	£30.00
Shirt (2pk)	£24.50
Tie (45")	£10.45
Long Socks (1pk)	£11.00

6th Form Boys

YEARS 12 – 13

ITEM	PRICE
Heavyweight Puffer Jacket	*£64.75
Blazer	*£145.50
1/4 Zip Jumper	£50.50
Trousers	*£30.00
Shirt (2pk)	*£24.50
Tie (56")	£12.85
Ankle Socks (3pk)	£8.90

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How to order

Your school uniform will be ready to order on the 24th of June 2024

- Simply register and log in at www.schoolblazer.com
- Why not order early and relax this summer with FREE UK P&P from 1 July – 14 July 2024.
- Schoolblazer have now extended their returns period to 365 days, meaning that you can return your items for free if you find that something you've ordered at the start of the summer holidays doesn't fit at the end of the summer holidays!
- Enjoy Schoolblazer's simple, easy-to-navigate website for straightforward shopping - they even feature a How to Shop video.
- Plus, you can shop easily on your phone and tablet.
- Fully name-taped orders dispatched within 3 days, FastTrack delivery also available.
- Free UK returns with 365 days to return your item.



Uniform Requirements



Nursery Girls & Boys

- Nursery pupils will wear navy jogging bottoms or navy shorts.
- Nursery pupils will wear the school polo shirt, and should also have the school sweatshirt to be worn in colder weather.
- Nursery pupils should wear black buckled or Velcro shoes, and should also have the school's all-in-one waterproof.

RECEPTION, YEARS 1 & 2



Pre-Prep Girls

- Girls should wear the school pinafore and a white blouse and the Prep School blazer.
- Girls should wear navy cotton rich tights, or navy long socks, and may also choose to wear the school cardigan.
- Girls should have the school's red coat.
- In the summer, girls should wear the school's red and white striped dress.
- Girls should wear black shoes.

RECEPTION, YEARS 1 & 2



Pre-Prep Boys

- Boys should wear the school's navy trousers, or plaid shorts, with a white school shirt and the Prep School blazer.
- Boys should wear the school's long navy socks with red trim, and may also choose to wear the school jumper.
- Boys should have the school's red coat.
- Boys should wear black shoes.

YEARS 3 – 6



Prep Girls

- Girls should wear the plaid culottes, along with navy tights or navy long socks.
- Girls should wear a white blouse, along with the school's jumper or cardigan, should they wish.
- Girls will wear the Prep School blazer, and have the school's red coat.
- Girls should wear black shoes.

YEARS 3 – 6



Prep Boys

- Boys should wear the school's plaid shorts, or navy trousers.
- Boys should wear a white school shirt, along with the school tie, and also the school's jumper, should they wish.
- Boys should wear the Prep School blazer, and have the school's red coat.
- Boys should wear black shoes.

YEARS 7 – 13



Senior Girls

- Girls will wear a skirt or trousers, and a white school shirt, along with the new navy tweed blazer.
- Girls may choose to wear the v-neck jumper, but this is optional. In the Sixth Form, girls will have the additional option of the quarter-zip jumper.
- Girls should wear smart black shoes, with a pair of navy tights.

YEARS 7 – 13



Senior Boys

- Boys will wear the navy uniform trousers, with a white school shirt, along with the new navy tweed blazer.
- Boys may choose to wear the v-neck jumper, but this is optional. In the Sixth Form, boys will have the additional option of the quarter-zip jumper.
- Boys should wear smart black shoes, with a pair of navy or black socks.



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I order the uniform?

All uniform should be ordered via the Schoolblazer website (www.schoolblazer.com). The first time you access this you will need to register a new account, and your details will be saved after that point.

How do I know what sizes to order?

You will be asked to input your child's measurements and the Intelligent Sizing System will indicate the recommended size on the shopping page. However, this is a suggestion only, based on the measurements you have entered. Should you wish to choose an alternative size, you can use the drop-down menu to select this.

How long will my order take to be despatched?

Schoolblazer undertake to despatch orders within 3 working days, and more swiftly than this wherever possible.

I need an item that is showing as out of stock on the website, what should I do?

As an online retailer Schoolblazer typically hold much higher levels of stock than a high street store, but if an item you require is showing as out

of stock, please place your order and they will work to supply this as quickly as possible.

What if I need further information or help with my order?

The Schoolblazer website features lots of useful information including a 'How to Shop' video and more Frequently Asked Questions.

What if I need to return an item?

Schoolblazer offer a free returns service so please return any item unsuitable using our online returns tool, and they will either refund or exchange as required.

Do I have to pay for name tags?

Schoolblazer only charge for the cost of the name tags and sew them in free of charge.

Why blue tweed?

Blundell's pupils have traditionally worn tweed jackets, with the red blazer a relatively recent innovation, only being introduced when the school became fully co-educational in the mid-1990s. Of our three current blazer colours, blue allowed us to create the smartest looking blazer, but we have deliberately retained a nod to the past by including a brown

and red check pattern within the tweed itself.

Why no badge on the Senior School blazer?

Once the decision was made to go with tweed, it was felt that the badge would not be appropriate for that nature of blazer. We are very proud of our school badge, and it can be found on the Prep blazers, as well as on the jumpers and the coats. You will also find the crest in the jacquard lining of the Senior school blazer itself, which we think is a very classy addition to an already-smart design.

Do I have to order the white shirts from Schoolblazer?

It is our strong preference that pupils do wear the white shirts supplied by Schoolblazer. One of the major benefits of this new uniform is that it will allow us to ensure pupils are all wearing the same type of shirt, as this is something that has slipped noticeably in recent years. We do however, recognise, that parents may wish to source alternative shirts from other suppliers. We are happy for this to happen, but any such shirts must be a 'classic' style school shirt: plain white, with buttons from top to bottom, and no patterns or decoration at all.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to order the trousers from Schoolblazer?

Yes, for both schools the trousers, culottes and shorts are a compulsory item of the new uniform which should be purchased from Schoolblazer.

If my child is entering Year 6 or Year 13, does my child need a blazer for one year?

For pupils starting year 6, we are going to ask that they do buy a new blazer. This is because the change of colour from purple to red will mean that a combination of new and old blazers will simply look too messy, and will detract from the objective of the uniform change. Please note that our enhanced buyback offer (see next question) means that you will receive all the sale proceeds if you return your blazer at the end of Year 6: while not completely removing the issue, we hope this does go some way towards alleviating it.

We do not expect pupils entering Year 13 at the Senior school to buy a blazer for one year only. Because of the option for pupils in the Senior school to wear the existing navy blazer, we do feel that a clearer transition is possible in this regard. Pupils entering Year 13 should therefore continue to wear

their blazers from the 'old' uniform. However we do ask that boys purchase the new navy trousers, and that boys and girls who choose to wear jumpers wear the new type.

In addition, for pupils in other year groups in the Senior school who have an 'old' navy blazer which still fits and is in good condition, you should not feel that you need to buy a new blazer until the time comes for it to be replaced.

What about second hand uniform?

We recognise that one of the challenges of a uniform change is that, for a period, there will be no second-hand stock. It is our intention to build up a new stock as quickly as possible, and in order to assist with this we are going to offer an enhanced buy-back scheme; for the first twelve months of the new uniform we will offer parents 100% of the sale proceeds of any uniform handed in to the second hand shop*. We hope that this will incentivise the return of items of the new uniform, and will therefore enable us to build up a second-hand stock as quickly as possible.

*After 1 September 2025 this figure will return to the normal level of 50%

What about sports uniform?

It is our intention to update our sports kit from September 2025. We are in the very early stages of this, and we will communicate further information in due course. As with the uniform, when we do update our sports kit there will be a transition period, so that 'old' kit can continue to be worn until the point comes when it needs to be replaced.

What ties will pupils wear?

All boys from Years 3-13 will wear the normal school tie. Unfortunately the ties were not available at the time of our photo shoot, but it can be seen on p.7 of this brochure.

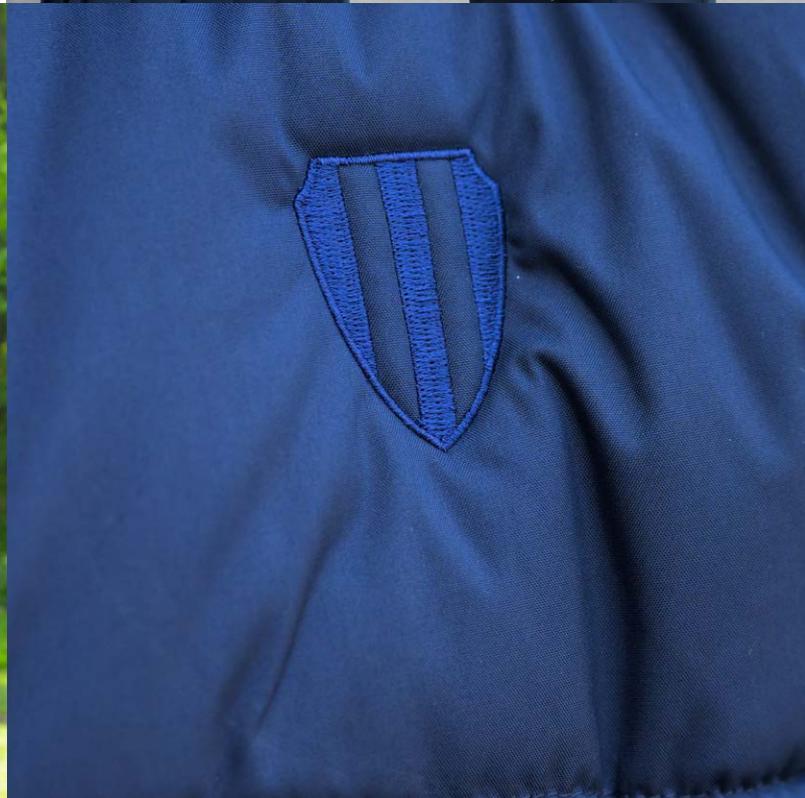
Can I order other items like socks and tights from Schoolblazer?

Yes, you can order the navy socks and navy tights from the Schoolblazer website. We hope this will make the whole uniform shopping experience more simple and stress-free. Items like hair bobbles and other accessories are also available.

Does my child have to buy a School coat?

In the Prep and the Pre-Prep the red coat is a compulsory item of uniform.

The navy coat is not a compulsory item of uniform in the Senior school. However, if pupils do want to wear coats at the Senior school then it will need to be a school coat.



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