

Website

Balcarras School Uniform

This is designed to provide a smart and admired working outfit for school. Apart from the important considerations of pride in the school, parents should be glad not to have to face the constant question: "What shall I wear today?" School uniform has much to commend it. Details of the Balcarras school uniform are as follows:

Balcarras School is supplied by:

Monkhouse (previously <i>School Togs</i>) monkhouse.com 252 High Street, GL50 3HF, opposite Wilkinsons	Leonard Hudson (for badges and ties) https://leonardhudson.co.uk
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House Colours

House colours are worn on the school badge and the summer polo tops. Please make sure you select the correct house colour when purchasing:

Foley	Green
Graveney	Yellow
Selvey	Red
Ottewell	Blue

The Balcarras badge and tie

The Balcarras tie and blazer badge are available for purchase from the school or the schools uniform supplier. The website is linked at the top of this page.

Blazer	Black with school badge in House colour. NOTE Blazers should be worn during the school day and to and from school except on the School field at lunchtime and in lessons at teachers' discretion.
Shirt	White collared, long sleeved shirt with top button. Must be smartly tucked in. NOTE High round collar, long or short sleeved T-shirts (coloured or printed) should not be worn under shirts. If T-shirts are worn in cold months then they must be plain white and not visible under the shirt.
School Tie	Regulation blue/silver/red/yellow Balcarras school tie. The front (large part) of the tie must be worn longer than the back

	of the tie and both parts must not be tucked into shirt button hole.
Jumper	Black or grey V neck jumper NOTE A jumper is an optional additional garment, and certainly not an alternative to the blazer. Jumpers must not be tied at the back. NOTE Cardigans, hoodies, sweatshirts and round-necked jumpers are not acceptable as part of school uniform and they may not be worn as an alternative to outer coats.
Trousers	Regulation Balcarras school black trousers available only from our recognised supplier.
Skirt	Pupils joining the school after Sept 2021 will wear a tartan pleated grey skirt, manufactured by Trutex. It is officially called the “Trutex castle senior tartan pleated skirt”, and both of the school suppliers will stock the correct design. Pupils who joined the school before Sept 2021 will have the option to wear the old style regulation grey skirt, supplied by one of the school’s suppliers. Skirts must be knee length. Skirts should not be rolled over at the top. NOTE Skirts and Trousers will be the only uniform items we insist come from one of our recognised stockists, so there can no longer be any dispute about their conforming to the school uniform rules. The website is given at the top of this page.
Socks	Grey or black socks (girls socks must be ankle length but they may wear grey or black tights in cold weather).
Shoes	See shoe guidance at end of this document In the interests of safety all pupils are expected to wear sensible footwear on the school premises. Black leather, low-heeled (no more than 1 inch high), lace up or slip on shoes with strap and enclosed heels and toes. No trainers, boots or canvas shoes. NOTE you must be able to polish the shoes, therefore no patent leather please. NOTE: Some shoe shops (Clarks, JD Sports and others) are putting shoes in their “School Shoes” section that do NOT meet the requirements for Balcarras. Please check with your House Head if in doubt. Black trainer-like shoes are not permitted at Balcarras.

Coat	A plain coat can be worn outside the school buildings but not in lessons. It may be worn over school uniform jumpers, but not in place of them. NOTE coloured or highly patterned hooded sweatshirts, camouflage parkers, denim or leather jackets are not allowed. NOTE: Cyclists only – for pupils cycling to school a brightly coloured cycling jacket is essential, especially during the winter months.
Hair	Hair should not be dyed. It should be smart, tidy and appropriate for school. There should be no braids and extreme hairstyles are not allowed. Hair should not have “tram lines”, extreme changes in length or be shaved shorter than a number 2. Pupils who choose to wear a hijab, the hijab must be plain black, with no tassels, patterns or other colours.
Make-up	Make up, nail varnish and false nails should not be worn by any student. False eye lashes or eye lash extensions are NOT permitted.
Pierced ears	Students with pierced ears are permitted to wear one small stud in the lower lobe of each ear. No sleepers.
Jewellery	One watch with a plain strap maybe worn. No other jewellery is permitted. NOTE The following are not permitted. Any facial piercings, including nose studs. Stretch earrings or pins. Bangles, beaded, plastic or loom band bracelets. Festival or charity wrist bands. Any type of rings, bracelets or necklaces.

Summer Uniform

The school summer uniform may be worn from the start of each Summer Term. Both boys and girls will be able to wear polo shirts, which have the house colours piped on the collar and sleeves and are available from one of our recognised suppliers. This polo shirt should always be worn with the school blazer unless permission is granted otherwise. Shirts should not be tied at the back.

From Easter 2025, pupils (boys and girls) will also have the option to wear school shorts during the summer term. Shorts must be the Balcarras shorts, bought from Monkhouse, with the school badge clearly visible on the bottom of the leg.

Pupils will also be able to continue to wear winter uniform if they prefer to do so but they must conform to the standard winter uniform rules. We hope this makes clear our uniform expectations.

Please may we remind you, part of the Home-School Agreement is that pupils and parents agree to conform to the uniform requirements of the school. Therefore, if you are in doubt about whether or not a particular article of clothing is suitable or before making any decisions about altering hair colour or style, please contact a Head of House prior to any change.

Physical Education

In order to take part in the school's Physical Education programme each pupil should have as part of their school uniform:

Girls

- Plain white T-shirt or school branded red polo shirt *
- Black skirt
- White socks
- Plain Black Football Socks
- Training Shoe (non-marking)
- Red Balcarras Sweater (optional)
- Shin Pads
- Gum Shield
- Astro shoes (optional)
- Black Balcarras branded leggings (optional)
- Towel
- Balcarras jogging trousers (optional)

Boys

- Rugby Shirt (School only)
- Plain Black Shorts
- Plain Black Football Socks
- Plain white T-Shirt or school branded red polo shirt *
- White Socks
- Plain White Shorts
- Training Shoes (non-marking)
- Football Boots
- Shin Pads
- Gum Shield
- Towel
- Red Balcarras Hooded Top (optional) (school only)

*These items are available to be ordered from school once a year

Garments that are worn during normal lessons are not to be worn for PE.

Guidance on Shoes

The following is intended as guidance for parents buying shoes. It is not a comprehensive list of all shoes available.

Generally, shoes made by sports companies are **not** suitable for Balcarras (such as Nike, Under Armour, Adidas, Fila, Puma etc.)

Acceptable Shoes	Not suitable for Balcarras
 Clarks ✓	 Nike X
 Term Tyson ✓	 Under Armour X



Hush Puppies ✓



Puma X



Dr Marten ✓



Sketchers X



Clarks ✓



Adidas X