

Appendix (A) School Uniform – Buy with Confidence



Do NOT trust 'school wear' signs in shops. In many cases, these encourage parents/carers to part with money (often a lot of money) for fashion items which will not be acceptable in school. This guidance is designed to save you time and money.

School uniform must be worn correctly at all times. All clothing should be clean, smart and marked with the student's name.

It is a valuable part of a child's education to learn to present him or herself publicly in a neat and appropriate manner. This is especially so in a formal environment such as a school or place of work. The high standards of appearance we expect at The Gilbert School have a positive impact upon the standing of our school within the wider community. The name and reputation of our school will be associated with your son or daughter for a long time.

This document is simply a reminder of existing requirements so that you can purchase clothing and haircuts for your children with confidence.

We would never change our policy without first advising you of this. We would never communicate changes without a letter and an announcement on the school website.

Uniform requirements for all students

Regulation School Uniform and Regulation PE Kit can be purchased online from: www.yourschoolwear.co.uk

Uniform Blazer

- Only available from our online stockists. The blazer we use is the most durable and best value for money in the long term.
- In hot weather during the summer term only, ties and blazers may be removed after permission from the Head of School. Students will be informed of this via Form Tutors.
- School issue pips and prefect insignia must be worn at all times. Gilbert Way Awards and Leadership insignia are worn on the left blazer lapel. House and extra-curricular insignia and Sports Colours are worn on the right blazer lapel.



Uniform Trousers

- Plain black, formal straight fit style trousers. These should display a sharp crease front and rear and enough play in the material at the thigh and ankle to allow the trousers to hang correctly. The waistband must include belt-loops and a standard hook and eye or button closure. Available from the school's online suppliers and other retailers.
- Please note: If trousers are elasticated or stretch fit material and are tightly fitted, then they are not appropriate for school. Fashion style trousers such as denim jeans, jean style trousers, narrow fitted trousers with a heavily tapered leg, corduroy, mole skin or other heavy-duty materials (as used in utility clothing) are not acceptable. Additional pockets or zips are not permitted. External pockets on the rear of trousers will be considered jean-style and not permitted to be worn.



Uniform School Kilt

- The Gilbert School skirt is an alternative to trousers. These must be worn at or below the knee. Available only from the school's online suppliers.
- School kilts must be knee length with socks that are plain black and worn to just below the knee (never over the knee). School kilts must not be rolled at the waist to deliberately shorten the length of the kilt. All kilts should be purchased at the appropriate length and not tailored after purchase. Moving forward, we are investigating the introduction of school skorts/culottes to reduce the inconsistencies in the length of the school kilt. This will only occur after extended notice to parents/carers.



Shirts

- A plain white traditional long or short-sleeved shirt with standard collar and white buttons. Shirts must be buttoned to the neck and tucked into trousers or skirts at all times. Available from the school's online suppliers. Epaulettes (or other non-formal attachments), fitted shirts, blouse style shirts, tee shirts or sports shirts are not acceptable. Linen, jersey and other types of fabric that are non-cotton or cotton-blend are not permitted.



Ties

School tie. Available only from our online stockists or student reception. Year 11 Prefects wear the traditional Gilbert tie and Prefect Mentors wear the plain green tie. All ties are clip-on with the exception of Senior Prefect ties.

Whole School



Prefect



Prefect Mentor



Uniform black V-neck sweater

- May be worn under the blazer during cold weather but never on its own. This is only available from the school's online suppliers. No other garments e.g. cardigans, sweatshirts, hooded tops, coloured jumpers are acceptable.



Plain black socks that cover completely the ankle.

- Liner socks, no-show or low-cut socks are not appropriate formal wear for school.

Plain dark or natural coloured tights

- Widely available from our online stockists and other retailers.

Formal Shoes

Plain flat black shoes with an entirely leather, patent leather or faux leather upper that can be polished to a shine. Brogues, Oxfords, Loafers and Monk Straps are recommended.

- Girls' shoes must have a closed-toe without excessive beading or other adornments.
- Trainer-style shoes (sometimes with logos, labels and brace stitching patterns), Beetlecrushers, canvas ballerina, high heels or any type of boot (including DM style) are not acceptable.
- Shoes that display a logo or brand on the upper, brace patterns or shoes with stitching that is not black, are not permitted.
- Be aware that Velcro-fastenings are very often found on styles that may have been acceptable in Primary Schools but are not at The Gilberd. Please check first.
- Ankle boots are not acceptable.

Acceptable shoes guide (example list indicative not exhaustive).

(Leather, faux leather or patent leather acceptable).



Brogue



Leather Ballerina Pump with heel



Loafer



Brogue (women's)



Oxford



Monk Strap



Unacceptable shoes (example list not exhaustive) – do not buy these.



Unacceptable shoes in more detail:

Material other than leather/faux leather on the upper

Stitching and brace patterns similar to trainers or other leisure shoes

