



Bideford College

Part of the Launceston College Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I am writing to you regarding the new College uniform which will be replacing the current uniform from September 2016. All students at Bideford College in Years 7 – 11 from September 2016 will be expected to wear the new uniform. The purpose of this letter will be to furnish you with greater clarity regarding:

1. What it will look like
2. How you can purchase the compulsory and recommended items
3. Cost and methods of payment
4. Approved suppliers

1. **The new uniform will consist of the following compulsory items:**

Girls

Black **fitted/non fitted** jacket/blazer with Bideford College logo

A formal plain white shirt/long sleeved/short sleeved – with top button. These must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.

A tie – which will have different colour stripes

Black tailored trousers/shorts or black straight/pleated skirt (no stretchy material)

V neck black jumper to be worn under the jacket/blazer **(optional)**

Shoes must be plain black, with a flat heel. Any laces must be black. Trainers, boots (including ankle boots), canvas shoes, open-toed, pumps, sling-backs are **not** acceptable.

Socks/tights – plain, neutral, grey or black socks – to be worn with trousers/shorts or skirts. Alternatively, plain black or flesh coloured tights may be worn with the skirt.

Boys

Black **fitted/non fitted** jacket/blazer with Bideford College logo

A formal plain white shirt/long sleeved/ short sleeved – with top button. These must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.

A tie – which will have different colour stripes

Black tailored trousers/shorts

V neck black jumper (optional) to be worn under the jacket/blazer

Shoes must be plain black, with a flat heel. Any laces must be black. Trainers, boots (including ankle boots), canvas shoes, open-toed, pumps are **not** acceptable.

Socks – plain, neutral, grey or black socks – to be worn with trousers/shorts

Options

All students will be given the option to choose either a fitted or non- fitted jacket/blazer. Girls will be given the option of wearing either a black pleated or straight skirt, tailored trousers or tailored shorts.

Boys will be given the option of wearing black tailored trousers or tailored shorts.

These are not to be 'skinny' or of a stretchy material.

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NB These are not the actual ties, these are just examples. The students are currently choosing the style and colour of tie.

Shoes

To avoid any confusion as to which shoes are acceptable, please use the following chart as guidance. NB: Shoes must be plain black, with a flat heel. Trainers, boots (including ankle boots), canvas shoes, open-toed, pumps and sling-backs are **not** acceptable.





2. How can you purchase the uniform?

Skirts/Trousers and Shorts

These can be purchased from any supplier. However, items NOT purchased from In-Stitches must be **indistinguishable** from the standard school skirts/trousers and shorts, which we recommend you purchase from In-Stitches.

Blazer/Jacket/Tie/Jumper* (*optional purchase)

These can **ONLY** be purchased from In-Stitches. The jumper itself is optional, but if you choose to wear one – it must be purchased from In-Stitches. In order to enable you to try on the blazers/jackets for appropriate sizing, we are arranging “sizing” evenings for specific year groups – dates below. During these evenings, you will be able to try on the blazers/jackets - and also order the jumpers and ties. The recommended trousers – slim fit (NOT 'skinny'), flat front, regular fit with either flat or pleated front (male/female)/ shorts and both acceptable skirts – pleated and straight – will also be available for purchase during these evenings.

The dates for the sizing evenings are:

Wednesday 11 th May – 3.30pm -7.00pm	Year 7
Thursday 12 th May – 3.30pm – 7.00pm	Year 8
Tuesday 17 th May – 3.30pm – 7.00pm	Year 9
Wednesday 18 th May – 3.30pm – 7.00pm	Year 10
Wednesday 15 th June/Thursday 16 th June	Year 6 Transition Evenings

Parents for the Year 6 Transition Evening will receive a specific appointment time. Please allow 15 minutes either side of this appointment to allow time to fit and purchase the uniform. The Sizing Evenings will all be held in Stucley Hall.

If you are unable to make the evening specific to the year group of your child, please feel free to attend one of the other evenings. If attendance to any of the evenings is a problem, please do not hesitate to contacting us at the College to make alternative arrangements.

If you wish to purchase skirts/trousers/shorts during this evening – if you can come knowing the size of your child, this would speed up the ordering process. Please find beneath the sizing charts for these items, to help you.

Boy/Girl - Trousers

Waist measurement	25" to 42"
Inside leg measurement	26" to 36"

Skirts- pleated/straight

Waist measurement	22" to 38"
Knee Length	18" – 24"



NB: All skirts must be an appropriate length – knee length. Skirts which are deemed to be too short – will not be acceptable.

Tailored shorts can also be purchased during this evening – these come with an elasticated waist. These are uni-sex.

Waist measurement	20" to 38"
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3. Cost and methods of payment

The College have worked extremely hard to ensure that the cost of the uniform is comparable with neighbouring secondary schools and is of good quality and durable.

Skirts/trousers and shorts can be bought from any supplier. However, items NOT purchased from In-Stitches must be **indistinguishable** from the standard school skirts/trousers and shorts, which we recommend you purchase from In-Stitches.

The items that can be purchased from In-Stitches are listed below with the prices.

Clothing Item	Size	Price	Size	Price	Size	Price
Boys/ Girls – Blazers/Jackets	Up to 36" chest	£26.50	38" and over	£28.50		
Boys/ Girls Trousers	Up to 28" waist	£14.50	30" and over	£16.50		
Uni-sex shorts	Up to 28" waist	£11.00	30" and over	£13.00		
Girls pleated skirt	Up to 28" waist	£14.50	30" and over	£16.50		
Girls straight skirt	Up to 28" waist	£10.00	30" and over	£12.00		
Ties	One size – clip on	£4.50				
V- neck jumper	28"- 34"	£13.00	36" – 38"	£15.00	40"and over	£18.00

Methods of payment at the sizing evening are: Cash, cheque and card payments

For those students eligible for financial support, help and advice will be available during the Sizing Evening.

4. Approved Suppliers

The blazer/jacket/tie/jumper* (*optional) can ONLY be purchased from our local supplier In-Stitches – via the College. The sizing evenings have been arranged specifically to enable you to buy the school uniform.



We also recommend you buy the trousers/shorts and skirts from In-stitches to ensure that these meet the College expectations and to avoid an item of uniform not meeting requirements. However, these items can also be purchased from alternate suppliers, should you wish to do so.

This is an exciting moment for all of the students at Bideford College. I am confident that the new uniform will contribute significantly to the improvements we are making at the College in terms of behaviour, aspiration and creating a sense of community and unity. This uniform was chosen by the students and I very much look forward to seeing them wear this with pride in September.

Yours faithfully

Lyndsey Kane
Principal

