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Our Secondary Uniform

Uniform is important to us – it provides a sense of community and cohesion among the student body, and it helps to prevent ‘competitive dressing’. It instils pride and promotes our ethos of being the best that we can be. It also helps to develop good habits and so we expect students to arrive at school each day in clean clothes, worn in a tidy manner. We expect our students to wear their uniform to the highest standard throughout the day.

We don’t want someone’s day to start badly with an unnecessary conversation with staff about what they are wearing, so we ask for parents’ help in making sure that all students are wearing the correct uniform.

School uniform should be worn properly during journeys to and from school.

Whilst students are playing sport on either the field or basketball area during breaks, their top buttons may be undone and shirts may be un-tucked, but uniform needs to be readjusted when the game is over.

We ask that you to pay close attention to the details below outlining what can and cannot be worn to school. It also outlines our expectations in terms of items of jewellery, make-up, hair styles and nail varnish.

IN SCHOOL

- Black, flat, formal leather shoes
- Dark blue or black socks or tights
- Grey school trouser or school uniform skirt (should be no shorter than just above the knee)
- Plain black leather belt (optional)
- White collared shirt
- School tie
- School uniform V-necked pullover (optional)
- Plain white T-shirt worn under the shirt (optional)

FOR PE LESSONS

- BISS Puxi Shorts/Tracksuit Bottoms
- BISS Puxi Polo T-shirt
- BISS Lions Sweatshirt or BISS Lions Tracksuit Top
- BISS Puxi PE fleece (optional)
- House T-shirt



- BISS Puxi PE kit bag
- School baseball cap (optional)
- White sports socks or black BISS Puxi football socks.
- Black ankle-length leggings during cold weather
- Trainers
- Football boots or astro-turf trainers for football and rugby. Normal running shoes are not appropriate as a stud can go through the soft top of the shoe and damage the foot.
- Shin-pads will be required for football, rugby and hockey.
- A gum shield should be worn for rugby and hockey.
- A black/dark navy blue swimsuit and swim hat. Boys must wear black/dark navy blue trunks or swim shorts which must be above the knee. Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit. Rash vests can be worn by any pupil. School swimwear is available from the school shop. Students should also bring a towel.
- Goggles

FOR DRAMA LESSONS

- Performing Arts polo shirt

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

- Dark, plain winter coat
- PE fleece worn as outer coat (may be worn outside at break times)
- Dark, plain hat, scarf, gloves (optional)

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL

- Trainers (except for PE lessons)
- Canvas shoes
- Cardigans
- Colourful T-shirts under shirts
- Leggings (Black ankle-length leggings during cold weather for PE only)
- Footless tights
- Belts with an ostentatious buckle or decoration
- Hooded sweatshirts
- Denim jackets
- Leather jackets
- Bright-coloured coats
- Jewellery (other than one discreet stud in each ear lobe for girls only)
- Ostentatious hair accessories (discreet hairbands only)
- Make-up
- Nail varnish
- Unnatural hair colours
- Unconventional hairstyles



SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop, which is located in the Primary school, is open from Monday to Friday, from 9:00am to 3:30pm. We highly recommend that you buy black school shoes before you come to China, as they can be quite difficult to source here.

LABELLING CLOTHES AND OTHER ITEMS

All clothes worn to school should be clearly labelled on the inside of the item with the student's name. We do have a lost property area in which we keep clothing and bags found in school. We make every effort to reunite items with their owners, but this can be very difficult if they are not named. Any uncollected items are donated to charity at the end of each school year.

LETTING US KNOW ABOUT UNIFORM PROBLEMS

We understand that there are sometimes genuine problems that prevent students from being able to wear uniform, such as torn clothing or missing shoes. In these circumstances, we would be grateful if parents could write a brief note or email to their child's form tutor.

IB DRESS CODE AT BISS PUXI SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEARS 12 & 13)

The IB dress code plays an important role in contributing to the ethos both of the IB academy and also of the wider school. An independent and mature approach to learning is one of the key aims of the IB Academy. It is only a short step to university and the world of work and a responsible dress code will prepare students for both worlds.

GIRLS

- 2 piece formal skirt or trouser suit (skirts should be no shorter than just above the knee)
- Tailored dress with jacket
- Blouse or formal work appropriate top
- Neutral coloured, flat formal shoes
- Jewellery and make-up may be worn, but must be suitable for a professional business environment

BOYS

- 2 or 3 piece formal suit
- Collared shirt
- Tie
- Black or brown flat, formal leather shoes
- Must be clean shaven

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL

- Trainers
- Canvas shoes



- Heels
- Flip flops
- Transparent clothing
- Leggings
- Shorts
- String-strapped tops
- Clothing which is revealing
- Any piercings other than one in each ear lobe (girls only)
- Unnatural hair colours
- Unconventional hairstyles

OTHER ITEMS

Students need a suitable bag to carry books, pens and other items around the campus during the school day, and to take work between home and school.

Suitable bags are available from the school shop, but students may bring their own bags provided that they are of a sensible colour and design, and that they do not have ostentatious logos or patterns.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost, un-named clothing and bags are held in Lost Property. We make every effort to reunite items with their owner, but this can be very difficult if they are not named. Uncollected items are donated to charity at the end of each school year.