

Our ref: RSR/HLE/PE Kit Expectations

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: PE Kit Expectations and Update for 2025/26 Academic Year

We are writing to provide clarity regarding the PE kit requirements at The Burgess Hill Academy for the current academic year, and to outline changes that will take full effect from the start of the **2026/27 academic year**.

We appreciate your support in ensuring students are correctly and consistently equipped for PE lessons. Our goal is to maintain a smart, functional, and inclusive kit policy that supports students' participation and comfort during physical activity.

Current PE Kit – Accepted for 2025/26 Academic Year Only

As part of a phased transition, the following items **remain acceptable for the current academic year only** and will no longer be permitted from September 2026. This applies to all year groups:

- **Black or navy blue skirt**
- **Black or navy sports leggings**

We encourage parents to consider this change when purchasing any new PE kit this year, particularly for younger students who will be impacted by the update in future years.

Future PE Kit- From September 2026

Following parental feedback and further consideration, shorts may now be between mid-thigh and knee length.

The following items have always been part of our PE kit policy and will **remain acceptable beyond 2026**:

- **Mid-thigh to knee length shorts** in black or navy
- **Black or navy tracksuit bottoms** (either track pants or cotton joggers)
- **Black leggings worn under shorts**
- **TBHA branded polo shirt in white or navy** (new navy polo shirts will be available from our uniform provider)

Recommended Supplier

We strongly recommend purchasing PE kit through our approved supplier **GR Teamwear**, which offers high-quality, sport-specific kit and optional extra layers such as hoodies and rain jackets:

[GR Teamwear – The Burgess Hill Academy Shop](#)

We thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the PE kit expectations, please do not hesitate to contact the PE department or your child's Pastoral Lead.

Yours sincerely



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