



DEAN CLOSE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
CHELTENHAM

Uniform List Boarding Pupils

September 2026

General Uniform Information

Parents are asked for their continued support in ensuring that pupils are neatly and correctly turned out when they come to school, as in the points below, and that uniform is kept in good repair.

Pupils have the choice of wearing Uniform A or Uniform B

Hair

- Pupils with hair shoulder-length or longer should have it tied back neatly (with a plain navy blue, burgundy, or brown hair elastic-band and plain clips if necessary). All hair styles should be neat, with hair off the face and away from the eyes.

Jewellery and Make Up

- No jewellery is allowed although pupils with pierced ears may wear small, plain (silver, gold, or pearl coloured) studs. These need to be removed for Games and P.E. for safety reasons.
- No make up is to be worn.

Cold Weather Wear

- Scarves, hats and gloves are to comply with school uniform. However, in certain occasions of extreme cold weather, we do allow other warm clothing to be worn.

School Shop

- Items marked with an asterix must be purchased from the School Shop.
- The School Shop stocks all items on the school list apart from shoes (although they do stock some sports shoes).
- The School Shop manager, Mrs Christine Beech, can be contacted by telephone at 01242 258016 or email shop@deanclose.org.uk.

Name Labels

- All items of clothing, equipment and bags should be named clearly.
- Please use forename and surname on labels.
- Name tapes can be ordered from the School Shop.
- A naming service is available over the Summer holidays, provided by the School Shop. The cost is £75 per set of uniform.

The Uniform Exchange

- The Uniform Exchange sells second-hand school uniform. It is located within the School Shop and the opening hours are the same.

Lost Property

- Named items will be returned to pupils.
- Unnamed items will be placed in the lost property box outside Rickerby.
- At half term and at the end of term, all unnamed lost property is displayed on the CPA for collection.

School Uniform A

- *School coat.
- *Blazer (Years 6, 7 and 8).
- *School skirt (must be on the knee).
- *School jumper.
- *School tie.
- *School scarf (optional).
- Navy blue or maroon wool gloves (optional).
- *School woolly hat - cold weather only (optional).
- Black school shoes. Shoes should not have a raised heel.

Winter Uniform	Summer Uniform
• Mid-blue long sleeved shirt (Years 3 to 6). • White long sleeved shirt (Years 7 and 8). • Navy blue tights or long navy socks (Years 3 to 6 should wear thick cotton tights; Years 7 and 8 may wear opaque tights).	• Short sleeved white open-necked blouse. • Year 7 and 8 may continue to wear a winter shirt with a tie. • White ankle socks.

School Uniform B

- *School coat.
- *Blazer (Years 6, 7 and 8).
- Charcoal grey trousers.
- Short grey socks.
- *School jumper.
- *School tie.
- *School scarf (optional).
- Navy blue or maroon wool gloves (optional).
- *School woolly hat - cold weather only (optional).
- Black school shoes. Shoes should not have a raised heel.

Winter Uniform	Summer Uniform
• Mid-blue long sleeved shirt (Years 3 to 6). • White long sleeved shirt (Years 7 and 8).	• Short sleeved white shirt (tie optional). • Year 7 and 8 may continue to wear a winter shirt with a tie. • Years 3, 4 and 5 may choose to wear charcoal grey shorts.

Please note winter uniform is compulsory from September exeat to the end of the Lent Term. Summer uniform is compulsory from May exeat to the end of the Trinity Term. From the start of the Michaelmas Term through to the September exeat and from the start of the Trinity Term through to the May exeat, either uniform may be worn.

Girls P.E. and Games Kit

PE Kit (All Year)		• 1 x *PE Shirt • 1 x *PE Shorts • 4 pairs x White sports socks • 1 pair x Trainers • 1 x *House polo shirt for House events
Tracksuit / Base layer (All Year)		• 1 x *School mid-layer • 1 x *School base layer • 1 x *School tracksuit bottom (traditional, tapered or leggings) • 1 x *Bench coat (optional for match days only)
Hockey (Michaelmas)		• 1 x *Tracksuit / Base layer • 1 x *Maroon striped games shirt • 1 x *School skort • 1 x *School hockey socks • 1 x Hockey stick • 1 x Gum shield (customised Opro available in the school shop) • 1 pair x Shin pads • 1 pair x Astro shoes (recommended for Years 5 to 8)
Netball (Lent)		• 1 x *Tracksuit / Base layer • 1 x *Maroon striped games shirt • 1 x *School skort • 4 pairs x White sports socks • 1 pair x Trainers
Cricket (Trinity - all years)		• 1 x *Tracksuit / Base layer (cricket whites are not needed) • 1 x *PE shirt • 1 x *PE shorts • 4 pairs x White sports socks • 1 x Cricket spikes (recommended for Years 5 to 8) • 1 x *School sun cap
Tennis (Trinity - option for Years 7 and 8)		• 1 x *Tracksuit / Base layer • 1 x *PE shirt • 1 x *School Skort • 4 pairs x White sports socks • 1 pair x Trainers • 1 x Tennis racket • 1 x *School sun cap
Swimming		• 1 x *School swimming costume • 1 x *School maroon swimming cap • 2 x Towel

Boys P.E. and Games Kit

PE Kit (All Year)		• 1 x *PE Shirt • 1 x *PE Shorts • 2 pairs x White sports socks • 1 pair x Trainers • 1 x *House polo shirt for House events
Tracksuit / Base layer (All Year)		• 1 x *School mid-layer • 1 x *School base layer • 1 x *School tracksuit bottom (traditional or tapered) • 1 x *Bench coat (optional for match days only)
Rugby (Michaelmas)		• 1 x *Tracksuit / Base layer • 2 x *Reversible rugby / hockey shirt • 2 x *School rugby / hockey shorts • 2 x *School rugby / hockey socks • 1 x Gum shield Years 4 to 8 (customised Opro available in the school shop) • 1 pair x Rugby boots
Hockey (Lent)		• 1 x *Tracksuit / Base layer • 2 x *Reversible rugby / hockey shirt • 2 x *School rugby / hockey shorts • 2 x *School rugby / hockey socks • 1 x Hockey stick • 1 x Gum shield (customised Opro available in the school shop) • 1 pair x Shin pads • 1 pair x Astro shoes (recommended for Years 5 to 8)
Cricket (Trinity - all years)		• 1 x *Tracksuit / Base layer (cricket whites are not needed) • 1 x *PE shirt • 1 x *PE shorts • 2 pairs x White sports socks • 1 pair x Cricket spikes (recommended for Years 5 to 8) • 1 x *School sun cap • 1 x Cricket box and box pants (if playing hardball cricket)
Tennis (Trinity - option for Years 7 and 8)		• 1 x *Tracksuit / Base layer • 1 x *PE shirt • 1 x *PE Shorts • 2 pairs x White sports socks • 1 pair x Trainers • 1 x Tennis racket • 1 x *School sun cap
Swimming		• 1 x *School swimming trunks • 1 x *School maroon swimming cap • 2 x Towel

Accessories

- 1 x *DCPS sports bag
- 1 x *DCPS swimming bag
- 1 x String games bag
- 1 x *DCPS book bag (Years 3 and 4)
- 1 x *DCPS rucksack (Years 5 to 8)
- 1 x Water bottle

Equipment

Pupils should ensure that they have all the correct equipment for school each day as listed below.

- A laptop or 2-in-1 device (Years 5 to 8), capable of running the Windows 11 operating system. Please see separate information.

A pencil case containing:

- A fountain pen with blue cartridges or a blue fine liner for handwriting. Biro's are not acceptable.
- Spare blue ink cartridges as applicable.
- Pencils.
- Pencil sharpener.
- Rubber.
- Red biro/fine-liner.
- Colouring pencils (a basic selection).

Please note that Tip-Ex is NOT allowed.

Maths equipment:

- 30cm ruler.
- Compasses (not Years 3 and 4).
- Protractor (not Years 3 and 4).
- Scientific calculator similar to Casio FX-83GTCW (not Years 3, 4 and 5).

Other equipment:

- A watch (optional) particularly like a Garmin watch which allows pupils to set timers for music lessons (all years). Please note smart watches are not allowed.
- Wired headphones (all years).
- A folder for sheets and revision (Years 6 to 8).

None of these items should have graffiti on them and all items of equipment must be named clearly.

Forest School

All pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 go to Forest School every week. A session is cancelled on account of the weather only when it is dangerously windy or lightning is expected.

Pupils should wear PE kit with tracksuit bottoms for Forest School. They must also have waterproof trousers, an insulated waterproof coat (or a waterproof coat with attached fleece), wellies, a hat, gloves, a scarf and spare socks. If they do not have an insulated waterproof coat then they should have an extra layer such as a fleece (not a hoodie).

Kit needs to be the same all year round because irrespective of the weather the children ALWAYS need to be wearing long sleeves, over-trousers and wellies. Please ensure that all kit is clearly named. Every term there is a huge collection of lost property. Children should bring their kit in their school games bag, and must have a spare plastic bag for their wellies and wet / dirty waterproofs to go home in.

Full Boarding Requirements

Please name all items clearly.

Essential Non-Uniform Items (Not available from the school shop):

- 2 x Vests (optional).
- 7 pairs x Pants.
- 6 pairs x Mufti socks.
- 3 sets x Nightwear (pyjamas / nighties).
- 1 x Dressing gown.
- 1 pair x Slippers.
- 1 x Waterproof (not shower proof) coat - essential for weekend trips etc.
- 1 pair x Wellingtons (options, but advised for Years 3 to 5).
- 2 x Large towels (with hanging loops).
- 1 x Sponge, bag and toiletries.
- 1 x Hairbrush or comb.
- 1 x Rucksack for trips.
- 1 x Water bottle.
- 1 x Wallet.
- 1 x Duvet (optional).
- 1 x Pillow.
- 2 x Duvet cover and pillow cases.
- 1 x Lockable tuck / hobby box with spare key (optional). No tuck allowed.
- 1 x Letter writing kit including paper, envelopes, useful addresses and stamps.
- 1 x Shoe cleaning kit.
- Pocket money - £60 per term, cash or bank transfer.
- Spare name labels.

Mufti Items (Not available from the school shop):

Should be practical for outdoor games and walks, as well as smart occasions. At all times pupils are expected to look clean and tidy. Excess mufti will be sent home; three sets are plenty and must be able to be machine washed and tumble dried.

- 2 x Trousers / jeans / shorts / skirts / dresses.
- 2 x Jumpers / sweatshirts.
- 4 x T-Shirts.
- 2 pairs x Trainers / boots for walking.
- 2 pairs max x Mufti shoes / boots.
- 1 x 'Best' outfit for Christmas Dinner and formal occasions. (Please note: Houseparents will remind parents about this nearer the time).

Day Boarding Requirements

Please name all items clearly.

Essential Non-Uniform Items (Not available from the school shop):

- 1 x Duvet (optional).
- 1 x Pillow (optional).
- 2 x Duvet cover and pillow cases (2 are required if these items are washed within school).
- Vests (optional).
- Pants and socks.
- Nightwear (pyjamas / nighties).
- Dressing gown.
- Slippers.
- 2 x Large towels (with hanging loops).
- Sponge, bag and toiletries.
- Hairbrush or comb.
- Overnight bag / small bag to take uniform / mufti to and from school mid week.
- Large suitcase for bringing kit in and sending home at the end of term.
- Pocket money - £60 per term, cash or bank transfer.

Mufti Items (Not available from the school shop):

One set of mufti can be brought to the house and left here but it must be named and machine / tumble drier friendly. If different mufti is brought in on the boarding nights, please ensure it is named and goes back home.

Boarding House Contact Details

	House Parents	Contact number	Email
Wilton House (Years 3 to 6)	Mr and Mrs Cowling	07471351165	racowling@deanclose.org.uk
Fortfield House (Girls Years 7 to 8)	Mr and Mrs Sheldon	07471350553	jrsheldon@deanclose.org.uk
Caldecote House (Boys Years 7 to 8)	Mr and Mrs Cooper	07471351192	TBC - Joining September 26