

**St. Catherine's School**  
**Uniform List for Senior School**  
***Academic year 2023-24***

Girls are ambassadors for the school and their uniform should be correct and smart at all times.

Throughout the uniform list there are no recommended numbers for each item. Parents are free to purchase the number to suit their own laundry/boarding arrangements. Do remember that the PTAs run a second-hand shop where many of these items may also be purchased.

All items are available from the School shop unless marked with an asterisk\*.

Please note that washing instructions for some of the kit and uniform needs to be followed carefully as the use of fabric softeners/tumble driers adversely affects the waterproofing.

### **Labelling**

All items must be named. For ease of returning lost property, it would aid us greatly if clothing is named in the following way:

- **name tags** should be purchased with font in the same colour as your daughter's house. These **labels can be ordered through the School Shop** and should be ½ inch in size.
- all other items brought into school, including iPads, phones, watches etc. should be clearly labelled or engraved where appropriate.
- if possible, include at the end of the label your daughter's house, i.e. AS, ME, MI, MU, RB or ST.

You may **also** wish to write your daughter's name on the inside of the garment itself using a permanent marker just in case the name label should become detached from the garment.

**Hair** must be worn off the face. Navy hairbands/clips can be purchased at the school shop. Exaggerated styles and colours are not allowed.

**Jewellery** allowed with school uniform is a watch, a plain cross and chain, plain stud earrings and any Medicare item. We recommend that any initial or additional piercing, with parental permission, should only be done at the start of the summer holiday so that proper healing can take place before the start of term.

Please note **smart watches and fitbits are not allowed** to be used in school as they are a distraction and may interrupt learning.

*Please be advised that prices of uniform are reviewed and revised each year in April and operational from Half Term in May. We also reserve the right to adjust the prices at times through the school year in case of cost increase.*

## COMPULSORY ITEMS

*All items are available from the School shop unless marked with an asterisk\*.*

DESCRIPTION	Upper 3 (Y7)	Lower 4 (Y8)	Upper 4 (Y9)	Lower 5 (Y10)	Upper 5 (Y11)	DETAILS AND LABELLING
Blazer	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Named on the inside of the collar. Must be worn to and from school for U3 – U4 and worn every day around school for U3-U5.
Blouse white	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Named on the inside of the collar. Part of the winter uniform. Optional from the beginning of the autumn term and <b>compulsory after October half term.</b>
Skirt	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Labelled at the waistband. <b>Skirt should be bought to sit at the knee when new. As your daughter grows, it should be replaced before the hem is a palm's width above the knee.</b>
Summer blouse	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Optional from beginning of summer term and <b>compulsory for U3 – L5 after May half term.</b> Named on the inside of the collar. Also optional in the beginning of the autumn term till the October half term.
Jumper – V Neck	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Named on the inside of the collar.
Tie – maroon/gold	☑	☑	☑	X	X	Named along the back.
Tie – navy stripe	X	X	X	☑	☑	Named along the back.
Backpack	☑	☑	☑	X	X	L5 and U5 may use other appropriate school bag without large brand logo. Named around the straps with a name label.
Navy tights or knee-high socks	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	For winter term. Tights - Labelled at the waistband Socks – labelled at the sole.
White, plain non-branded short socks	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	For summer term. Can be labelled with laundry marker. Not trainer or sport socks.
Shoes* – black leather	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Real or synthetic leather, but not suede. Not ballet pumps, trainers (or trainer-type), boots, sandals, high heeled or wedge. Named on the inside. Please see the images of the correct/incorrect footwear and socks below.
Fountain pen, HB pencil, transparent	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Clearly labelled or engraved. Roller ball is acceptable but not biro.

ruler, protractor and a compass, Casio fx 82 or 83 series calculator						
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**Correct footwear and socks**



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**Inappropriate Footwear & Socks**



## SPORTSWEAR AND ACCESSORIES – COMPULSORY

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DESCRIPTION	Upper 3 (Y7)	Lower 4 (Y8)	Upper 4 (Y9)	Lower 5 (Y10)	Upper 5 (Y11)	DETAILS AND LABELLING
Games skirt	✓	✓	✓	✓	X (unless team player)	<b>Compulsory for U3 – L5 and all team players U5-U6.</b> Named on the inside of the waistband at the back. Washing at 30° and inside out. Please do not use fabric conditioner or tumble dry. No ironing.
Cycling shorts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Named on the bottom edge of the right leg.
Navy PE shirt	✓	✓	✓	✓	X (unless team player)	<b>Compulsory for U3 – L5 and all team players U5-U6.</b> Named on the inside of the collar. Washing at 30° and inside out. Please do not use fabric conditioner or tumble dry. No ironing.
White polo shirt	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Named on the front right-hand side, opposite the wheel.
House games socks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Clearly labelled – do not use iron-on labels on the nylon socks.
House shorts	X	X	✓	✓	✓	May be purchased as alternative option to the games skirt for non-team members in U4 and above. Named on the inside of the waistband.
House polo shirt	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	House colour. Named on the front right-hand side.
Tracksuit tops and bottoms	✓	✓	✓	✓	X (unless team player)	<b>Compulsory for U3 – L5 and all team players U5-U6.</b> Named on the inside of the waistband at the back (bottoms) and on the inside of the collar (jacket). Washing at 30° and inside out. Please do not use fabric conditioner or tumble dry. No ironing.

DESCRIPTION	Upper 3 (Y7)	Lower 4 (Y8)	Upper 4 (Y9)	Lower 5 (Y10)	Upper 5 (Y11)	DETAILS AND LABELLING
White sport socks	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	All the year round. Can be labelled with laundry marker. <b><i>We discourage from wearing trainers' socks as they usually roll off the foot causing blisters, corns and chaffing. Our sports socks are mid-calf length protecting the ankles during games and are also padded providing extra cushioning for heels.</i></b>
Hoodie	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Named on the front right-hand side opposite the wheel.
Baselayer tops and leggings	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Named on the inside of the waistband at the back (bottoms) and on the inside of the collar (tops). Washing at 30° and inside out. Please do not use fabric conditioner or tumble dry. No ironing.
Swimsuit	☑	☑	☑	X (unless member of the squad)	X (unless member of the squad)	Normal or leg-suit. Named on the outside at the back in the centre (just below the opening). For non-squad members in U5 a plain swimsuit is acceptable.
Towel*	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Clearly labelled.
Swim bag	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Named on the back of the bag.
Sports holdall	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Named on the outside.
Trainers – one pair*	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Named on the inside sole. <b><i>We highly recommend purchasing netball shoes for the girls, as the typical sports shoes do not cater the range of motion that is required during a rigorous game. A netball shoe allows the foot to sit on a lower platform. This helps to maximise comfort and cushioning on the sides of your feet for a greater range of movement and flexibility but above all, it reduces the risk of rolling an ankle.</i></b>
Navy boot bag	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Named on the front with a name label.
Swim hat	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	House colour. Can be labelled with laundry marker or permanent pen.
Football boots with plastic studs*	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Named on the inside. For playing outdoor sports through the year.
Tennis racquet*	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	Clearly labelled.

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Mouth guard	☑	☑	X (unless team player)	X (unless team player)	X (unless team player)	In U3 and above mouthguards are compulsory for lacrosse players. We recommend using a dentist/OPRO/Top-Guard fitted mouthguard. There will be <u>fitting dates with Top-Guard at school during lacrosse camp and on the first Saturday back at school or you can contact Top-Guard for a fitting during the summer.</u> A clarion will be sent to parents at the end of the summer term. See the school calendar on the website for fitting dates.
Lacrosse stick	☑	☑	X (unless team player)	X (unless team player)	X (unless team player)	Required for U3 and L4 and all those who play in a lacrosse team. Recommended and available in the School Shop – Brine Empress Stick.
Lacrosse goggles	☑	☑	X (unless team player)	X (unless team player)	X (unless team player)	<b>Compulsory for U3 and L4 and all those who play in a lacrosse team</b> (recommended and available in the School Shop - Cascade PolyArc, STX Senior and Youth and Brine Dynasty Rise). Lax googles that fit over glasses are also available.

### Sixth Form

Sixth Form girls do not wear uniform but are expected to observe a respectable dress code as set down in the Sixth Form Handbook.

**Sixth Form** girls should have access to a smart two-piece or three-piece suit, (jacket and matching skirt/trousers) in a plain dark colour. This will be worn on all formal occasions, including the first day of term and Long Parliament at the end of term and on other occasions as stated in the Sixth Form Handbook. They will also need a pair of sensible, dark-coloured court or flat shoes, although colourful shoes may be worn with the suit on certain occasions. Girls taking part in musical performances must wear their suit skirt/trousers and a white shirt.

**Hair** must be worn off the face. Navy hairbands/clips can be purchased at the school shop. Exaggerated styles and colours are not allowed.

**Jewellery** allowed with school uniform is a watch, a plain cross and chain, plain stud earrings or sleepers (one per ear lobe only) and any Medicare item. We recommend that any initial or additional piercing, with parental permission, should only be done at the start of the summer holiday so that proper healing can take place before the start of term.

## NON-COMPULSORY ITEMS

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Navy waterproof jacket	May be worn to and from School. Named inside of the collar of the jacket. <b>In cold weather girls may wear St. Catherine's fleece available from the shop</b> or a smart plain navy coat on top of their blazer; this may also be waxed or quilted style.
Squad leotard	For girls in the gymnastic squad – order will be made on induction in squad
Spikes for athletic and cross country*	Clearly labelled.
Athletic/ cross country vest	For the team members. Named on the inside of the collar. Washing at 30° and inside out. Please do not use fabric conditioner or tumble dry. No ironing.
Athletic/cross country shorts	For the team members. Embroidered with the initials.
Midlayer	Named on the inside of the collar. Washing at 30° and inside out. Please do not use fabric conditioner or tumble dry. No ironing.
Gilet	Named on the inside of the collar. <b>Only girls from U4 and above can wear gilet around the school, but only in winter time and on top of their jumpers - in exceptionally cold weather and when advised by staff.</b> Washing at 30° and inside out. Please do not use fabric conditioner or tumble dry. No ironing.
Squad swimming hat	For girls in the swim squad. Can be labelled with laundry marker or permanent pen.
t-bag over swimsuit	Use at swimming galas. Named on the inside of the collar.
Fleece	All the senior girls can wear fleece to and from school on top of their blazers. <b>Only girls from U4 and above can wear fleeces around the school, but only in winter time and on top of their blazers - in exceptionally cold weather and when advised by staff.</b> Named on the inside of the collar. Washing at 30°.
Waterproof tracksuit jacket and trousers	Named on the inside of the waistband at the back (trousers) and on the inside of the collar (jacket). Washing at 30° and inside out. Please do not use fabric conditioner or tumble dry. No ironing.
Lacrosse playing shirt	<b>L4 upwards with allocated numbers.</b> Named on the inside of the collar. Washing at 30° and inside out. Please do not use fabric conditioner or tumble dry. No ironing.
Lacrosse intermediate stick	Recommended by school and available through the School Shop - <b><u>Epoch Purpose 15</u></b> - this is an <b>intermediate Lacrosse stick</b> , and the girls need to have the playing experience and skill level needed to use this stick. This stick can also be personalised with school wheel and your daughter's initials. Only for girls who are in U4 and above.
Linen navy bag	Can be used in place of one holdall. Named on the outside.
Long navy sports coat	Named on the inside of the collar. Washing at 30° and inside out. Please do not use fabric conditioner or tumble dry. No ironing.

## **Boarders**

The below list is compulsory but within some items there are elements of choice, e.g. casual/leisure clothes for wear during downtime in the evenings or at weekends. This is the time when boarders can express their personality and personal taste, but we ask that all clothing is in good repair, presentable and not sporting any outrageous slogans or logos etc.

If anyone is uncertain about the suitability of an item of clothing, please feel free to contact the Senior Boarding Housemistress for advice.

**Laundry** - Boarders' laundry is undertaken in house for them for years U3-U5 – every day except the weekends. Please provide 2 smaller mesh laundry bags to be used for light and dark underwear washing - labelled with a sew on name label. However, for ease of sorting and return, **everything must be clearly labelled**, either with nametapes – sewn on or stick/iron-on – or indelible marker pen on the washing label or on a stitched-in white tape. This applies to all casual/leisure clothing, coats etc., too.

**In the Sixth Form**, boarders do their own laundry in machines provided and again labelling is very important. This independence offers good preparation for university/college life and we encourage an eco-approach in sharing machine loads with a friend etc. Girls will be provided with laundry baskets.

**School Uniform for Boarders in U3-U5** – We recommend at least 2 or 3 shirts, 2 jumpers and 2 skirts per girl so that laundry can be done appropriately and ensure that uniform is in good condition and fresh to wear.

### **COMPULSORY items for all boarders**

#### **A) Clothing**

- Underwear and tights – please supply enough for a week's wear.
- 2 pairs of pyjamas or nightdresses
- Dressing gown – essential for winter months and for the occasional fire practice!
- Slippers or flip flops
- Some items of leisure wear or casual wear e.g. skirts and jeans etc., tops, hoodies/sweaters
- A smart outfit or pieces for Church on Sundays (jeans not permitted for church)
- Smart outerwear fleece or coat suitable for the season, for evening or weekend outings and for Church
- Waterproof, smart boots or robust shoes for outings beyond school in winter months, and a pair of smart summer shoes – not ballet pumps style – for summer outings or activities.

#### **For Bronte, Symes and Keller – U3-U5 boarders – only:**

- Wellies
- Gloves
- Waterproof top and bottom for outdoor weekend activities in winter months
- Hat (woolly/fleece for winter and cap/sunhat for summer)

## **B) Other essential items non-clothing for all boarders:**

- Sponge bag containing toiletries – girls say that one that unfolds and hangs on the inside of a shower door works well. A good supply of shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, a shower cap etc. is a good plan to kick-start each term. Shopping opportunities are provided at weekends and the local shops are just nearby for any essential needs, with permission to leave the site from your housemistress. Boarders can get deliveries from amazon to replenish their stock.
- ‘Wheatie’ style dry bed warmer, for microwave use (not a hot water bottle) to be used in line with manufacturer’s instructions (available to purchase from School Shop).
- 1 duvet (duvet cover and pillowcases optional) - if you wish to have these delivered to School from a mail order company, e.g. Amazon, you may. Please ensure they are clearly addressed.
- Needlework kit with mending materials and an extra supply of name tapes
- Weekend bag/cabin baggage size. For weekly boarders, this ideally is a softer fabric wheelie that can easily be stowed at the back of a wardrobe during the week.
- Rug or blanket (optional)
- Named Tupperware box for snacks stored in the common room
- Small pack away umbrella
- Power bank charger
- Charging plugs and cables suitable for your daughter devices

Shoe cleaning equipment is supplied by the School in each boarding house and is needed most by those in School uniform.

### **The School Shop**

School uniform has to be obtained from the School Shop on site at St. Catherine’s School. It is situated in the Business Centre and can be accessed via a path to the left of the Business Centre building. There are two ways of purchasing uniform from the Shop:

1. **Pre- booked appointments** – These are highly advisable if you need to purchase a larger number of items, or if you are not sure about the sizing of the uniform. Please send an email and we will get back to you.
2. **Remote purchase** – we strongly advise this route if you need just a few items. Send your order requirements to [school.shop@stcatherines.info](mailto:school.shop@stcatherines.info) and we will get in touch with you to discuss your order in more detail, take the payment and arrange the time for the collection. Items can always be exchanged if not worn and returned in original packaging.

School Shop is not open during Autumn, Spring and Summer half term.

The shop accepts credit/debit cards and cheques (payable to St. Catherine’s Enterprises). Payments can also be made over the phone to 01483 899709 or by bank transfer. Please email the School Shop for more details.

**From 14<sup>th</sup> of July to 5<sup>th</sup> of September School Shop is open “by appointments” only – please send an email to [school.shop@stcatherines.info](mailto:school.shop@stcatherines.info) to book an appointment**