

Uniform and Equipment

The school is proud of its traditions and believes that school uniform encourages a pride in appearance. Parents/carers are responsible for providing the uniform and ensuring it is properly worn. Uniform must be worn for travel to and from school. A uniform list can be found below. We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to meet our high expectations with regard to school uniform.

In an effort to be environmentally friendly we strongly encourage the use of pre-loved uniform (and PE kit). Information about this can be obtained via the Main School reception (mainschool@crqs.org.uk).

Stockists (Blazers, jumpers and ties can only be purchased here)

- Grays, 68 Northgate, Blackburn, BB2 1AA. Visit the website [here](#)
- Ribble Valley Supplies, Harris Chambers, Well Terrace, Clitheroe. Visit the website [here](#)

Other items can be bought from these stockists or other retailers (please see stockists for our school style).

Main School Uniform (Years 7-11)

The current uniform requirements are as follows:

Blazer	Royal blue with blue buttons and the school crest
Jumper	Optional and only to be worn with blazer. Royal blue with school crest
Tie	Official Main School clip-on tie (royal blue, red and gold). Must be worn at all times
Skirt or Trousers	Dark grey stitch-down pleated skirt (see stockists for examples) Dark grey only
	Denim, leather, velvet, corduroy, jeans, patch-pocketed, leggings, boot-leg, skinny fit, flared or skin-tight trousers are not acceptable. Belts must be plain black with a maximum width of 2.5cm
Socks	Black, dark grey or white plain ankle socks with trousers/skirt or plain, opaque, black tights with a skirt
Shirt	Long or short-sleeved plain white shirt. Shirt to be worn inside skirt or trousers, the top button must be fastened with ties worn
Shoes	Plain black, leather or leather appearance shoes of a sensible height (heel to be no more than 4cm). Stiletto-heeled shoes, boots, training shoes, pumps and mule-type sandals (without a back) are not permitted
Aprons	Plain apron for Art, DT and Food Preparation and Technology

Students' names should be clearly marked on labels. This greatly reduces the number of lost items. To help promote pre-loved items we advise against stitching initials into clothing.

Students' hair should avoid extremes. Shaved patterns or lines are not permitted. For Science, Physical Education and Technology lessons, long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons. Hair bobbles/bands should be of a plain style and of a single colour. Hijabs should be black or blue only. If wearing a headscarf for PE, this must be tied securely and the ends must be tucked in for health and safety reasons. Headscarves secured with pins are not allowed for PE. Sports hijabs are available to buy (see below).

The **only** jewellery allowed is one small plain silver or gold stud, per lower earlobe, maximum. Earrings **must** be removed for all Physical Education lessons. Please ensure that ears are pierced in sufficient time to heal in order for the earrings to be removed fully for PE. Make-up is not allowed in Years 7-9. Discreet, natural-looking make-up can be worn in Years 10 and 11. Nail varnish, other than clear varnish, is not allowed. False eye lashes and acrylic nails are not permitted for any year group. Hooded sweatshirts are not part of the school uniform.

Students will be issued with a House badge that must be worn on their blazer at all times. Other official school badges for example, Sports Colours or those indicating a post of responsibility, may be awarded at various times throughout their time at school. No other badges are permitted.

PE Kit

In an effort to be environmentally friendly we strongly encourage the use of pre-loved PE kit. Information about this can be obtained via the Main School reception (mainschool@crqs.org.uk).

The school PE kit is available from Grays and Ribble Valley Supplies.
(Please be aware that PE lessons often take place outside throughout the cold winter months.)

Essential Kit

The following items can be purchased from Grays or Ribble Valley Supplies and include the **CRGS crest**:

- School tracksuit top
- One of the following: royal blue shorts or royal blue skort or navy-blue leggings or navy-blue tracksuit bottoms
- White short-sleeved or long-sleeved polo shirt

Students must also have the following items, which can be bought from any retailer (if they need to be purchased):

- White ankle socks
- Royal blue sports socks (that can cover shin pads)
- Mouthguard
- Shin pads
- A suitable hair tie if appropriate
- Trainers for the sports hall or gym but which may also be suitable for use on the all-weather pitch and grass
- Please note that students may also wear moulded studs or astroturf trainers on the all-weather pitch but are not permitted to wear blades of any description, metal studs or 'fashion' trainers/pumps

Optional Kit

The following items are optional:

- Navy blue sports hijab with school crest (can be purchased from Grays or Ribble Valley Supplies)
- White base layer top - NB no other colour base layers are permitted

Students selected for specific school teams may have the opportunity to purchase a school team kit if they wish. Support is available for Pupil Premium students. Should non-Pupil Premium students wish to discuss support then please do so by contacting the Head of Learning for Physical Education, Miss R Sutcliffe, using the mainschool@crqs.org.uk email address.

Equipment

Students will need to ensure that they are organised so that they arrive at school ready to learn. Our advice would be for **them** to get their bag ready for school the night before to avoid a last-minute rush in the morning!

The general equipment needed for every lesson is as follows:

- Pens and pencils
- Eraser
- Ruler (30 cm)
- Glue stick
- Purple biro pen (school issues the first one each year to all students, parents/carers should replace after this)
- Planner and rough book (these will be provided at the start of the year)

The student planner is given to all students at the start of the academic year. They are expected to *bring* their planner to school every day and have it available during all lessons. As well as containing useful and important information, it also contains a 'diary' section where homework can be recorded. **We would ask that parents/carers check planners regularly and sign them every week.** We will also check regularly that the planner is being used properly. Finally, please support us by ensuring that planners are used correctly and not defaced.

Other more specialist equipment that students will need is as follows:

English Dictionary (we recommend the Oxford Pocket Schools' Dictionary)

Maths Casio scientific calculator (we recommend a Classwiz which can be purchased from the Maths Department at a discounted rate)
Compass
Protractor

Lost Property

During the course of a term we seem to collect vast amounts of clothing, shoes and other equipment that has been lost. Many items are unnamed and remain unclaimed. After 3 weeks, lost property is recycled or given to charity or added to our pre-loved uniform stock if appropriate. It would be extremely helpful if you could ensure that your child's name is clearly written on labels and equipment so that they can be returned quickly and easily if they do get lost. **The school cannot be held responsible for damage or loss of personal equipment unless it is handed in to the Main School office for safe keeping.** Secure lockers are available for hire around the school and these are offered to students on a first come first served basis. Students should keep all equipment in a locker and not leave belongings or valuables unattended or in the cloakrooms.

All textbooks, subject notebooks and files are provided from school resources. If loss or damage is caused by careless usage it must be made good at the student's own expense.