

CLOTHING AND KIT LIST FOR NEW BOYS

House Notes 2022



HARROW
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NEWLANDS

The School's *Clothing and Kit List for New Boys* will tell you which items must be bought from one of the two recognised outfitters. You may want to visit these outfitters on the same day as the New Boys' Welcome Afternoon but you will need to allow plenty of time as they are particularly busy on this day. The week or two before the beginning of the Autumn term is also a very busy period. If you can make your visit during the early part of the summer holiday, this would certainly be preferable. Whenever you choose to visit, you are advised to telephone in advance to check availability and to arrange an appointment if necessary. The relevant contact details are detailed on the School's *Clothing and Kit List for New Boys*.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

Purchasing brand new School uniform can prove to be extremely expensive, so many boys and parents take advantage of the opportunity to buy good-quality second-hand clothing from the House stock. The sale of second-hand clothes is organised by Matron. Please telephone her on 020 8872 8245 if you would like to arrange an appointment.

MARKING

- All clothes, towels, bed linen etc. must be clearly marked with the boy's initials, surname and House laundry number (e.g. A.N.OTHER N01), using Cash's name tapes in red lettering on a white background. Parents will be given their son's laundry number in the Summer term. **Marking clothing in pen is not acceptable.**
- Please ensure that shirts, pullovers, blazers, tailcoats, waistcoats, jackets, tracksuit tops, pyjama tops etc. are marked inside the back of the collar; socks should be marked lengthwise on the outside of the ankle (not the foot); shorts, trousers, tracksuit bottoms, swimming trunks, pyjama bottoms, underpants/boxers etc. should be marked inside the back of the waistband. Nametapes must be sewn on fully, **not in loops**.
- In addition, all main items of sportswear (shirts, shorts and tracksuits) should be marked on the front with a tape carrying a boy's initials in large blue lettering on a white background (available from both Billings & Edmonds and The Outfitters).
- Both Billings & Edmonds and The Outfitters will sew nametapes on clothes bought from them for new boys. Boys can take any new items purchased subsequently to Matron for marking. Please send a supply of at least 20 nametapes to Matron at the start of the Autumn term.
- Footwear can be marked either with stickers (available from both Billings & Edmonds and The Outfitters) or with marker pen.
- Please ensure that **every** item of clothing is marked, including home (i.e. casual) clothes, as unmarked items can easily go astray.

SHOES

Shoes should be of a standard, traditional style and capable of being polished. Lace-ups are preferable to slip-ons. Neither boots nor shoes with heavy 'tyre-track' soles are appropriate. Metal buckles are not acceptable. Boys should have their own shoe cleaning kit.

HARROW HATS

The Harrow hat should be named, preferably with marker pen in large, black capital letters on the under-side of the rim. Boys should write their initials, surname and Mr Higgins's initials e.g. A.N.OTHER (EWH). The hat must be varnished for extra strength.

HOUSE HARROW FOOTBALL SHIRTS AND CRICKET WHITES

Since the boys are growing quickly at this stage, you may prefer to buy the Harrow football shirt and cricket clothing at a later point. Please purchase 1 Newlands soccer shirt, 1 Newlands athletics vest and 2 pairs of Newlands House socks.

HOUSE HOODIES

House hoodies may be bought from either of the recognised outfitters; boys should ensure that they are buying the most up-to-date version, and that it is properly marked with nametape.

HOME CLOTHES

The term 'home clothes' is used to describe any clothing that is not official School uniform or games ('eccer') kit. New boys usually arrive in home clothes on their first day and all boys may wear home clothes in the House in the evenings and at weekends. Boys should not bring too many home clothes, shoes and trainers: most of the day is spent either in School uniform or eccer kit, and House eccer kit is worn as casual wear by most boys. Rooms are expected to be kept tidy and it is easier without overflowing cupboards and cluttered floors. Suitable attire is required for trips off the Hill, including a jacket and tie (with appropriate trousers), a smart-casual collared shirt, a pair of chinos or equivalent, an outdoor coat, and a pair of smart shoes. Older boys will require a suit; Sixth Formers are likely to require black tie.

BED LINEN

The House provides sheets, pillowcases and mattress protectors, but boys will need to bring their own duvet and two single-size duvet covers. All boys will be provided with one pillow but they may bring an additional pillow (with pillow case) if they wish. All bed linen must be fire retardant. When marking duvet covers, please sew nametapes on the outside of the cover at the bottom of the front side.

BOXER BAGS AND SOCK BAGS

Please note that, even though the *Clothing and Kit List for New Boys* suggests that '1 large laundry bag' is required, Newlands boys will require four laundry net bags: two used as sock bags and two used as boxer bags and these should be clearly labelled.

GUM SHIELDS

It is School policy that boys wear a gum shield when playing matches and during training, and your son will be playing rugby in September and Harrow football in the Spring term. Gum shields can be bought off-the-shelf or fitted individually by your dentist.

FURNITURE

Each room is fully fitted with all necessary furniture, so no extra furniture is needed or indeed permitted. Every boy has his own electronic safe in which to store valuables. A waste-paper basket will be provided.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Electrical appliances such as hairdryers, sandwich makers, fans, fan heaters, fridges, kettles and coffee machines constitute fire risks and are not permitted. Music systems should be small and not powerful. Mobile phones are permitted, but their use by Shells is controlled. Tablets and other mobile devices are not allowed for Shell boys. Mobile phones should be clearly named.

INSURANCE

The School insurance does not cover mobile phones or music systems. We suggest you enquire if your son's items can be covered on your personal or house insurance.

TRUNKS AND STORAGE

Please do not bring a trunk; they are too cumbersome, cause too much damage and take up too much storage space. Soft bags work best, with a small one for exeats. Boys will need to take everything home in the summer, when the House is let; only boys who live overseas are able to store some of their belongings.

OTHER USEFUL ITEMS

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| ■ 1 mug, bowl, plate, knife, fork and spoon | ■ 1 School sports bag |
| ■ 1 alarm clock (a mobile phone is not sufficient for this purpose) | ■ Swimming goggles |
| ■ 1 water bottle, for use in the House and on the playing fields | ■ 12 coat hangers |
| ■ Washing kit (washbag, soap, shampoo etc.) | ■ Padlock for lockable desk cupboard |
- N.B. Roll-on deodorant is preferable to spray-on deodorant

All these items should all be named where possible.

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