

# CLOTHING AND KIT LIST FOR NEW BOYS

House Notes 2022



HARROW  
SCHOOL  
THE GROVE

The School's *Clothing and Kit List for New Boys* will tell you which items must be purchased 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:

## THE OUTFITTERS

harrow@theschoolwearspecialists.co.uk  
theschoolwearspecialists.co.uk  
+44 (0)20 8422 1045

## BILLINGS & EDMONDS

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## 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 8247 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 G73), using Cash's name tapes in red lettering on a white background. Boys will be informed of their laundry number towards the end of the Summer term prior to arrival. **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 purchased from them for new boys. Boys can take any new items bought subsequently to Matron for marking. Please send a supply of at least 20 nametapes to Matron **before** 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.

## HARROW HATS

The Harrow hat (which is emphatically not a 'boater') 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 Tolman's initials e.g. A.N.OTHER (CST). The hat must be varnished for extra strength.

## 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, which is dark blue in colour, and that is properly marked with a 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 to start with: 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. However, 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 need 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.

## LAUNDRY 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, this is not the case for boys in The Grove – a laundry bag will be provided by the House. Grove boys will require two sock bags as suggested on the clothing list; these should be labelled clearly just above the zip fastener.

## 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. Boys should bring their own posters and drapes to personalise their rooms. 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 too powerful – boys should limit themselves to a maximum of two speakers, each measuring no more than 15cm x 20cm. Mobile phones are permitted, but their use by Shells is controlled. Tablets and other mobile devices are not allowed for Shell boys. Electronic equipment, including mobile phones, should be clearly named or engraved. The House insurance will not cover computers, mobile phones or music systems.

## TRUNKS

Please do not bring a trunk or a tuck box. They are cumbersome, cause damage to walls and staircases, and take up too much space in storage. Soft bags certainly work best, with a small one for exeats. Boys will need to plan to empty their rooms and take everything home at Easter and in the summer when the House will be let. Only boys from overseas who travel to and from School by air will be able to store their belongings in the House during these two holidays.

## OTHER COMPULSORY ITEMS

- House T-shirt
- House Harrow football shirt
- 1 black trouser belt
- 1 School sports bag
- 1 plate, mug and bowl
- Letter-writing materials  
(proper writing paper and envelopes)
- 1 alarm clock  
(a mobile phone is not sufficient for this purpose)
- 1 water bottle, for use in the House and on the playing fields
- Swimming goggles
- 12 coat hangers
- 1 knife, fork and spoon
- Combination padlock for lockable cupboard
- Nail clippers
- Washing kit (washbag, soap, shampoo etc.)  
N.B. Roll-on deodorant is preferable to spray-on deodorant.

All these items should all be named where possible.

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