



BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL

NEW UNIFORM

2021 — ONWARDS

Why?

As we continue to help prepare our pupils for the world beyond Barney, a significant part of that is understanding that how they look and present themselves makes an impression; one that can have a long-lasting impact. It was the view of many pre-COVID, that whilst our Sixth Form in their suits, looked professional and smart, our attire up to that point did not generate the same sentiments, either by observers or by the children wearing them. Additionally, we felt the price paid for the old uniform did not represent good value for money, and as such parents were shopping elsewhere for cheaper alternatives, which created a mismatch of colours and quality.

With all this in mind, the wider context of the pandemic accelerated the decision to make a change of course this year. The wearing of sportswear for this academic year means parents have not recently purchased any of the old uniform. This, combined with the conclusion of a long-standing contract with the local suppliers, provided us with the perfect opportunity to review and amend our uniform. We are already emerging from the pandemic a stronger School and community; this is another way in which this will be achieved.

We hope you enjoy the changes that have been made.

Why Schoolblazer?

Schoolblazer were selected as our designers and suppliers of choice for a variety of reasons. This included the professionalism of their operation, the online support and delivery, the stitching of name labels and their commitment to sustainability. However, what was quickly apparent was their understanding of Barney. They understood the wide variety of backgrounds of our pupils, with a combination of rural and urban, local and international, big and small.

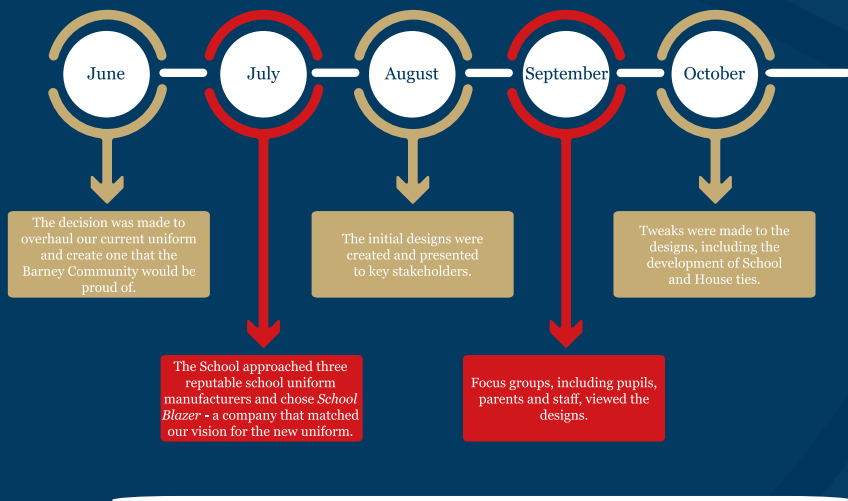
Schoolblazer understood our purpose and our DNA, and recognised the importance of a uniform which embodies this. Our traditional yet forward-thinking approach to life, reflecting how we want our children to be confident yet humble; aspirational but not pompous. We want our children to be proud to call themselves Barnardians, and we wanted a uniform to reflect this.

We strongly believe Schoolblazer have delivered on this brief.

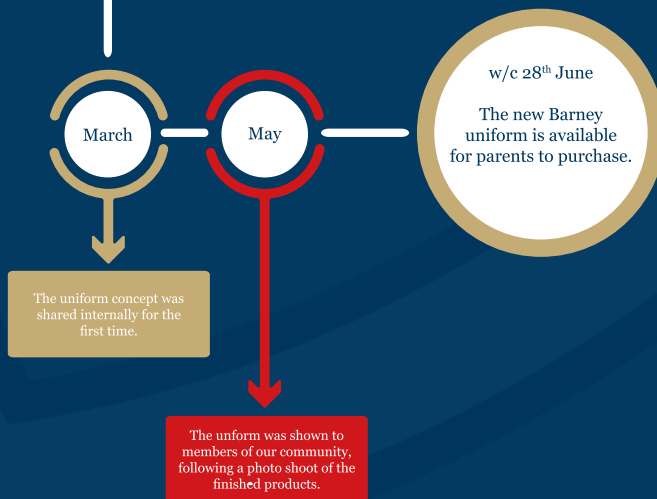




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Uniform Roadmap

The process so far...

Selection:

- We contacted three of the most prominent uniform suppliers
- Initial telephone conversations were held with suppliers, who were then invited in to present options
- We decided Schoolblazer was the best option
- A second meeting was held to initiate ideas of what the uniform could look like and agree branding

Schoolblazer's Process:

- Schoolblazer designers looked at different options and presented three options
- During the Michaelmas Term, Schoolblazer presented to a focus group of parents, pupils and teaching staff
- Following feedback and further adjustments, the final design decisions were confirmed just after the Christmas break
- Final alterations were made in the Lent term
- The online ordering process was finalised

Old Barney Uniform





New
Barney Uniform









Pre-Prep Uniform



Prep Uniform





Senior Uniform







Senior Uniform

Girls Uniform Pricing

Pre-Prep Girls Uniform

Item	Price
Cardigan	£26
Polo Shirt	£14
Pinafore	£40
Coat	£42
Summer Dress	£40
Bag	£13

Prep School Girls Uniform

Item	Price
Blazer	£87
Jumper/Cardigan	£26
Skirt	£44
Shop Blouse 2pk	£22
Tie	–
Coat	£42
Summer Dress	£40
Bag	£13

Senior School Girls Uniform

Item	Price
Blazer	£122
Jumper	£26
Skirt	£44
Shop Blouse 2pk	£22
Tie	–
House Badge	£5
Quilted Jacket	£63

Boys Uniform Pricing

Pre-Prep Boys Uniform

Item	Price
Jumper	£26
Polo Shirt	£14
Shop Trouser	£26
Coat	£42
Bag	£13
Shorts	£34

Prep School Boys Uniform

Item	Price
Blazer	£87
Jumper	£26
Shop Shirt 2pk	£22
Tie	£8
Coat	£42
Shop Trouser	£39
Shorts	£34
Bag	£13

Senior School Boys Uniform

Item	Price
Blazer	£122
Jumper	£26
Shop Shirt 2pk	£22
Shop Trouser	£47
House Tie	£11
School Tie	£11
Qulited Jacket	£63



“How to Order”



Your school uniform will be ready to order on the **28th of June 2021**

- Simply register and log in at www.schoolblazer.com
- Why not order early and relax this summer with **FREE UK P&P from 12th July - 25th July 2021.**
- Schoolblazer have now extended their returns period to 120 days, meaning that you can return your items for free if you find that something you've ordered at the start of the summer holidays doesn't fit at the end of the summer holidays!
- Enjoy Schoolblazer's simple, easy-to-navigate website for straightforward shopping - they even feature a How to Shop video www.schoolblazer.com/barney
- Plus, you can shop easily on your phone and tablet.
- Fully name-taped orders dispatched within 3 days, FastTrack delivery also available
- Free UK returns with 120 days to return your item



Uniform Requirements

Pre-Prep



Rec - Year 2

Pre-Prep Girls

- Girls will wear a Barney pinafore (or Barney shorts if preferable) and a blue Barney polo shirt.
- A Barney cardigan to wear on top.
- We expect pupils to wear a pair of black or navy shoes with a pair of navy tights or long navy socks.



Rec - Year 2

Pre-Prep Boys

- Boys will wear Barney shorts and a blue Barney polo shirt. Plain navy long trousers can also be purchased from Schoolblazer for winter months.
- A Barney jumper to wear on top.
- We expect pupils to wear a pair of black or navy shoes with a pair of navy socks.

Uniform Requirements

Prep School



Years 3 – 6

Prep Girls

- Girls will wear a Barney skirt (or Barney shorts if preferable) with the blue School shirt and the Barney pullover.
- This will be accompanied by the new Barney Prep Blazer.
- We expect pupils to wear a pair of black or navy shoes with a pair of navy tights or navy socks.



Years 3 – 6

Prep Boys

- Boys will wear a pair of Barney trousers (or Barney shorts if preferable) with the blue School shirt, the Barney Prep tie and the Barney pullover.
- This will be accompanied by the new Barney Prep Blazer.
- We expect pupils to wear a pair of black or navy shoes with a pair of navy socks.

Uniform Requirements

Senior School



Years 7 – 11

Senior Girls

- Girls will wear a Barney skirt (or Barney trousers if preferable) and a blue School shirt and the Barney pullover.
- This will be accompanied by the new Barney Tweed Blazer and their House badge.
- We expect pupils to wear a pair of black shoes up to Year 8, from Year 9 pupils will have a choice to wear black or brown/tan shoes, with a pair of navy tights.



Years 7 – 11

Senior Boys

- Boys will wear a pair of the Barney trousers with a blue School shirt, their House tie (or School tie) and the Barney pullover.
- This will be accompanied by the new Barney Tweed Blazer.
- We expect pupils to wear a pair of black shoes up to Year 8, from Year 9 pupils will have a choice to wear black or brown/tan shoes, with a pair of navy socks.



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know what sizes to order?

We ask you to input your child's measurements and the Intelligent Sizing System will indicate the recommended size on the shopping page. However, this is a suggestion only, based on the measurements you have entered. Should you wish to choose an alternative size, you can use the drop-down menu to select this.

Using the 'intelligent sizing' parents should be able to ensure the correct length of skirt is selected for pupils. We expect pupils to wear their skirts 'on the knee' (as highlighted). When pupil measurements have been imputed accurately the appropriate skirt will be chosen. If pupils wear their skirts at an inappropriate length they will be asked to re-order a skirt, returning the original. The skirts have deliberately been designed to prevent them from being rolled up; we would appreciate parental support with this.



Frequently Asked Questions

How long will my order take to be despatched?

Schoolblazer promise to despatch orders within 3 working days, and more swiftly than this wherever possible.

I need an item that is showing as out of stock on the website, what should I do?

As an online retailer Schoolblazer typically hold much higher levels of stock than a high street store, but if an item you require is showing as out of stock, please place your order and they will work to supply this as quickly as possible.

What if I need further information or help with my order?

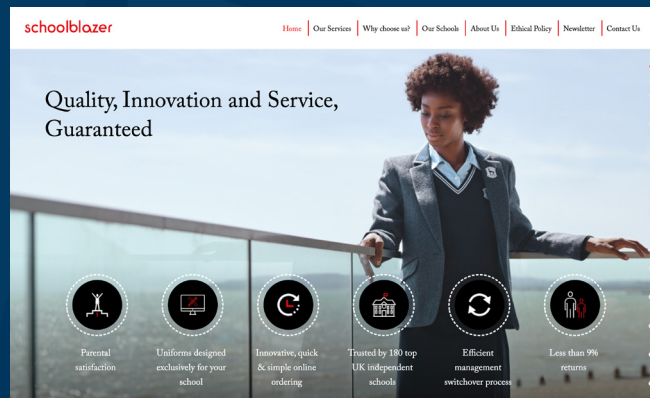
The Schoolblazer website features lots of useful information including a 'How to Shop' video and more Frequently Asked Questions.

What if I need to return an item?

Schoolblazer offer a free returns service so please return any item unsuitable using our online returns tool, and they will either refund or exchange as required.

Do I have to pay for name tags?

Schoolblazer only charge for the cost of the name tags and sew them in free of charge.



Frequently Asked Questions



Why tweed?

Barnard Castle School pupils historically wore tweed jackets. In keeping with our objective to be traditional yet forward-thinking, Schoolblazer designed a uniform which offered a nod to our history, but ensured it had a contemporary look and feel. As a School based in a rural setting, this material is not uncommon, and with a plaid design which contains the blue and brown of Barney, we believe it offers a very smart combination overall.

Why no badge on the Senior School blazer?

Once the decision was made to have a tweed blazer, it was felt a badge would not be an appropriate accompaniment on that garment. We are extremely proud of our School crest, but it is not the smallest of emblems. We feel it fits well on the Prep School blazer and School coat, but not on a tweed jacket. Additionally, one of the additional bonuses of a tweed jacket is that it can be worn at non-school events.

Do I have to order the shirt from Schoolblazer?

The blue School shirts are a compulsory item of the new uniform, which can only be purchased from Schoolblazer.



Does my child have to buy a School coat?

No, but we are insisting that should your child wish to wear a coat to School, it is a School coat. Whilst we have provided greater flexibility this past year for understandable reasons, this is not an unusual request. We do not wish to have such an impressive uniform covered up by a wide variety of coats which run contrary to the uniformity we hope to achieve.

Frequently Asked Questions

If my child is entering Year 6 or Year 11, does my child need a blazer for one year?

As has already been communicated, as with any uniform change there is going to be a pinch point in those year groups which only have one year's use from a uniform. To support this, we are not insisting on a blazer being purchased, but will require the remainder of the essential uniform items to be purchased (as per the above list). Again, we hope that as a result of the number of days that the blazer will be worn for, and the potential with regards to the Senior blazer of it being used for more than simply School purposes, you are able to purchase one, but we support the decision if this is not the case.

Is there a second-hand uniform provision?

As this is the first year of provision there are, as yet, no second-hand provisions. There are several ways in which uniform can be traded/exchanged once it is no longer required, and we will be in touch in due course with how this is expected to be run. As a consequence of limited space in the School, it is unlikely that uniform stores will be held in their physical form, but rather the process for obtaining second-hand uniform will remain online.



What about sports uniform?

Information regarding the School's sportswear is provided in a separate document.



PLAYERLAYER

Playerlayer are currently our sports kit provider please following the link below to place your orders.

www.playerlayer.com/barnard-castle-school

Frequently Asked Questions



Do pupils wear School ties?

In Senior School boys will continue to wear ties. They must own a House tie and they have the option of also buying a School tie. Girls are not required to wear ties but must purchase and wear their House badge on the lapel of their Barney Tweed blazer.

In Prep School boys will wear a School tie in Years 3-6. Girls will not wear ties.

What colour shoes are pupils expected to wear?

Pupils from Reception to the end of Year 8 would be asked to wear black or navy. For those pupils in Years 9-11 they have the option of wearing brown/tan shoes in addition to black or navy. If pupils choose to wear a belt we would expect them to wear one matching the colour of their shoes.



Can I order other items like socks and tights from Schoolblazer?

Yes, you can order the navy socks and navy tights from the Schoolblazer website. We hope this will make the whole uniform shopping experience more simple and stress-free. Items like hair bobbles and other accessories are also available.

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