

# CLOTHING AND KIT LIST FOR NEW SHELLS

House Notes 2022



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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.

## 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 8249 if you would like to arrange an appointment.

## LABELLING

Please label all clothing and bedding with the appropriate nametape and Elmfield laundry number as permanent marker is not permanent when a garment is washed frequently. As you can imagine, sorting laundry for 71 boys is a time-consuming job, so it is most important that each boy has his nametapes sewn on his clothes and that they can be found easily. The official School outfitters will order nametapes for you and sew them into all new items bought from them.

It is important that all other clothing, including home clothes and bedding, also have nametapes sewn in and it would be very helpful if you could provide about 20 spares for use during your son's time at Harrow.

It is advisable to sew large, extra-wide labels with your son's initials on all major sports clothing as these are very visible and allow quick identification of items that are often taken off in games sessions. They are also available from the two official school outfitters.

### ■ 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 Campbells' initials e.g. A.N.OTHER (AJC). The hat must be varnished for extra strength.

### ■ Shoes and trainers

Shoes should be of a standard, traditional style, comfortable 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. Please 'wear-in' the shoes to save developing blisters in the first week. Name the inside tongue of the trainers and/or use stick-on labels.

### ■ Socks

The nametape should be clearly visible when the garment is folded.

### ■ White shirts, tracksuit top, cricket sweater, T-shirts, cricket shirts, vests and pyjama tops

Sew the nametape at the back, either along the inside collar or just below so the nametape is clearly visible when the garment is folded.

### ■ Trousers, shorts, pyjamas, sports bottoms and underwear

Please sew your son's standard nametape along the inside back, below the waistband, and a large nametape on the front of the shorts and tracksuit, on the right-hand side.

### ■ Waistcoat, tailcoats, blazers, overcoats and dressing gown

Sew at the back on the inside collar or just below. The dressing-gown belt should be named separately.

### ■ Ties

Sew on the inside part of the tie that lies round the back of the neck.

### ■ Duvet and duvet covers

A large nametape should be sewn on the outside corner at the fastening end so it is easily visible when the duvet and duvet cover are folded.

### ■ Towels

Put a loop on all towels so your son can hang them up, and a large nametape in one corner so that it is easily visible when the towel is folded. Please do not use the nametape to create the loop.

## LAUNDRY BAG

- Your son must have two laundry bags with a large nametape with laundry number sewn at the top outside opening of each.
- He should have four mesh sock bags (one for underpants).

## LUGGAGE

Soft bags work best. It is also a good idea to have a small bag for exeat weekends. Please do not bring a trunk. They are heavy to cart around and damage the walls and staircases.

## 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 constitute fire risks and are not permitted. Music systems should be small and not too powerful. Mobile phones are permitted, but their use by Shells is controlled. Smart watches are strongly discouraged. Electronic equipment should be clearly named. The House insurance will not cover computers, mobile phones or music systems.

## HOME CLOTHES

New boys usually arrive in casual clothes on the first evening. It would be helpful if your son does not bring too many items of home clothing; he will be in School dress or sports clothing most of the time so won't need them and space is limited in rooms. Boys are expected to keep their own rooms tidy.

## STORAGE

All items should be taken home at the end of the Summer term, when the House is let for summer courses. Boys who live overseas may store items in crates over the holiday.

## OTHER USEFUL ITEMS

- 1 black trouser belt
- 1 School sports bag
- 1 mug, bowl and plate
- Washing kit (washbag, soap, shampoo etc.)
- 1 alarm clock (a mobile phone is not sufficient for this purpose)
- Swimming goggles
- 12 coat hangers
- Combination padlock for lockable cupboard
- 1 water bottle, for use in the House and on the playing fields

All these items should all be named where possible.

## HOUSE HARROW FOOTBALL SHIRTS AND CRICKET WHITES

There is no need to buy a House Harrow football shirt until the end of the Autumn term. Similarly, there is no need to purchase cricket kit until the end of the Spring term.

## MOUTH GUARDS

Your son may be playing rugby in September and boys are required to wear a mouth guard when playing matches and during training. Boys are also strongly advised to wear mouth guards when playing Harrow football for the House in the Spring term.

## MEDICATION

Any medications, whether prescribed or over the counter, as well as vitamin and herbal supplements, must be brought to my attention on arrival at Elmfield as I will need to make a record of them and decide whether your son will keep them in my office or in his room.

## INSURANCE

The School Pupils' Personal Effects insurance covers loss or damage to personal property during term time and on School trips but does not cover mobile phones or cash (the policy will be updated for 2022-23 – parents are advised to check details of the new coverage).

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