

Cost of the School Day at Bathgate Academy



At Bathgate Academy we recognise the need to reduce the cost of the school day for all our young people and particularly for our young people who are already experiencing poverty.

Uniform

These items of our dress code can be bought in several high street or online stores:

white shirt, black sweater or cardigan (no logo), black school trousers/skirt, black shoes or trainers

There is no specific PE kit; pupils should wear comfortable clothing suitable for PE.

A school tie costs £5 and can be bought from our school office.

A school blazer is an **optional** item and costs £32. We have blazers donated by former pupils available.

A budget is set aside to provide uniform and PE kit for any pupil who requires it. Pupils are identified through relationships with the House Team and parents/carers can also approach the school.

Information is shared about the Free Meal and Clothing Grant Allowance via our S1 Welcome Sway for Parents & Carers and at Parent Consultation Events through the year.

Travel

Our catchment includes pupils who walk and pupils who are entitled to free school transport.

Transport is provided for senior pupils attending courses at West Lothian College and for pupils at all stages attending ESOL courses. Transport is also provided to allow identified pupils to access bespoke courses and programmes which meet their needs.

Learning and Resources

There are no costs applied to curriculum learning.

Study Support is available to all senior phase pupils across every Faculty at no cost. Sessions are offered at lunchtime as well as after school to widen access. Easter Study Support is also offered at no cost to pupils.

Calculators are provided from the Maths department.

Outdoor learning opportunities are increasing and these are fully funded by the school.

Trips

Approval is only given to trips which have reasonable costs attached. Trips are planned and with a clear schedule of payments spread over time. Financial support is given to families on an individual basis.

Eating at school

Our cafeteria offers a range of healthy and low-cost meals and snacks.

The cashless catering system ensures pupils in receipt of Free Meal Entitlement are not identified to peers.

We raise awareness of Free Meal Entitlement at events such as the S1 Welcome Event.

Clubs

All extra-curricular clubs at lunchtimes and after school are free for all pupils.

Homework

We use an online resource to provide engaging and accessible homework tasks.

To support this we provide access to IT during breaks and lunches. We can provide a paper-based homework task if necessary and pupils do not have to submit homework online.

Events

Dress down days are restricted to the last day of each term. Pupils identify which charities the school will support on an annual basis. Pupils also plan and organise fund raising activities through the Charities Committee.

School events are subsidised to keep costs per pupil to a minimum.

Actions for session 22-23

- Include Poverty Proofing information on our school website
- Continue to increase our outdoor learning and team building experiences at no cost to pupils
- Analyse participation in extra-curricular clubs and study support by SIMD profile
- Explore viability of providing school minibus transport to increase participation in extra-curricular clubs and study support sessions after school.