

1921 (LEWISHAM) SQUADRON – UNIFORM & UPKEEP GUIDE:

Uniform is issued to Cadets free of charge but remains Squadron property at all times. It is the uniform of the Royal Air Force, and being able to wear this uniform is a great privilege. It is something to be proud of bringing credit to both your Squadron and the ATC, and it needs to be worn correctly at all times.

These guidelines are meant to give each Cadet the necessary information to enable him/her to ensure their uniform is in a clean and tidy condition at all times.



What you are issued (loaned) with:

ITEM	COLOUR	QTY	NOTES
Jersey	RAF Blue/Grey	1	
Shirt, long sleeve	"Working" – dark blue	1	
Shirt, long sleeve	"Wedgwood" – light blue	1	
Skirt,	RAF Blue/Grey	1	Female cadets only
Trousers	RAF Blue/Grey	1	
Belt	RAF Blue/Grey	1	To be worn with trousers
Beret with badge	RAF Blue/Grey	1	
Brassard	RAF Blue/Grey	1	
ATC Badge		1	Worn on brassard
Unit Identification Badge		1	Worn on brassard
Tie	Black	1	Worn with Wedgwood shirt only
Shoes, DMS (polishable)			

Additional Items of "Combat" Uniform that may be privately purchased:

ITEM	COLOUR	QTY	NOTES
CS95 Trousers	DPM	1	Should be worn with belt (working green, or stable belt if privately purchased).
CS95 Shirt	DPM	1	
CS95 Jacket	DPM	1	
Boots, DPM	Black with solid sole	1	

Notes:

1. All items of uniform, especially the beret, must have your name written inside it. Items found without names in may be returned to stores and you will be billed for a replacement.
2. Wearing Uniform. Uniform is to be worn on official ATC activities only. Complete uniform only is to be worn: if an item is missing or damaged, you should attend in smart civilian clothing so that you can exchange or replace the item(s). Partial uniform should not be worn.
3. When an item of uniform becomes too small, or worn it is the Cadet's responsibility to visit the Squadron stores to obtain a free replacement. Any items returned to stores should be washed and pressed before return.
4. Cadets are reminded that they are expected to personally undertake all aspects of uniform care – even the ironing and sewing bits!!
5. On leaving the Squadron, we expect the return of all issued uniform items. As before, they should be washed and pressed so that we can reissue them to other cadets.

Clothing Type:	Care	Wear	Notes
Shirt – Working	Both type of shirt can be machine washed, and tumble dried, please check the label.	The working blue shirt is dark in colour and should be worn with the top button undone and both pocket and epaulette buttons fastened. You do not wear a tie with this shirt. When worn with a jersey, the collars are worn on the outside.	In shirt sleeve order: the sleeves should be rolled smartly and three fingers in width, to just above the elbow.
Shirt – Wedgwood	Both shirts should be cleaned and well ironed at all times with a single crease in each sleeve.	The Wedgwood shirt is light blue in colour and should be worn with the top button done up and the pocket and epaulette buttons fastened. When wearing this shirt you <u>always</u> wear the black tie. When worn with a jersey, the collars are worn on the inside.	
Black Tie	To clean, use a damp cloth or dry clean. To iron, place underneath an old tea towel or piece of cloth otherwise it will go shiny.	The tie is only worn with the Wedgwood shirt and should be tied with a Windsor knot.	
Jersey/Jumper	When necessary the jumper can be hand washed in warm water but not tumble dried. With care the jumper can be machine washed on a delicate wash. The jumper is to be kept in a clean and good state of repair. The epaulettes should be damp pressed.	The jumper is worn in Winter months, but should be brought to squadron through the Summer in case of poor weather. The cuffs should be worn turned back.	
Brassard	It should be kept in good condition by gentle warm ironing without introducing creases. All badges are to be neatly sewn on by the Cadet and in the correct position – the Cadet will learn this during their training.	The Brassard is worn on the right arm in all forms of blue uniform.	In shirt sleeve order: the brassard is worn over the rolled up sleeve.
Trousers & Slacks	Trousers are to be kept in a clean and well pressed condition at all times. Single, sharp creases are to run down the front and back of each trouser leg. Pressing should be undertaken with a damp cloth. The iron must never be allowed to touch the trouser material.	The trousers are worn with the belt.	
Trouser Belts	Belts come with two buckle types, brass and staybright. Brass buckles differ in that they require regular polishing. The belt material should be cleaned with a stiff brush.	The trouser belts should be worn with the buckle on the left hand side.	
Skirt	The skirt should be pressed to ensure a creaseless finish. The skirt should be dry cleaned only.	The skirt may be worn on formal parades and parade evenings. It should always be worn with “barely black” tights.	For parade nights, female cadets may choose to wear trousers.
Beret	The beret material should be cleaned with a stiff brush.	The beret is to be worn with the band horizontal around the head and one inch (2.5cm) above the eyebrows and the badge above the left eye.	
Socks / Tights		Socks must be black in colour. Tights must be barely black.	
Footwear	The footwear must be black, laced, and have a toe cap (males) and no toe cap for females. The first priority is that the main body of the shoe needs to be clean and polished. Following that the toe cap can be bulled to a high shine. Boots should be kept clean at all times.	Shoes are worn with blue uniform. Boots are worn with combat uniform only.	