

New school year! New 'smart' uniform!

BEFORE YOU READ

What do you
wear to school?

It's September. It's the start
of the new school year for
British students. That means
new pens, new books,

new bags – and a new school uniform.

But school uniform is changing ...

So, what makes a modern school uniform?

CROWN finds out!



SOLAR BACKPACK

At some schools in South Africa, students are making electricity when they walk to school! Their backpack has a solar panel*. This is connected to a phone charger* so students can charge* their phone!



YOU! Describe your
school bag.



CROWN CULTURE

School uniform in the UK

- 94% of secondary schools in the UK have a school uniform.
- Parents in the UK spend £340 a year on uniform.
- 1 in 20 students are sent home because they are not wearing the correct uniform.

ECO-SHIRT

This is an eco-shirt! It's made from plastic bottles! David Luke, who has a company that makes school uniforms in Manchester, recycles plastic bottles to make school shirts, trousers and skirts. This stops about two million plastic bottles from going to landfill*. It takes two bottles to make one shirt.



YOU! What's your shirt / T-shirt made from?

SMART BLAZER

Are you ever late for school? At eleven schools in Guizhou, China, students have to wear blazers with GPS microchips*. When a student comes into school, a camera takes a video with the date and time – and sends it to their parents! The blazer sounds an alarm if the student leaves school or falls asleep in class!

YOU! What happens if you arrive late to school or fall asleep in class?

**Have to****Radical Rules**

Your school makes these new uniform rules! How do you feel? Tick (✓) the boxes:

1. You have to wear a shirt made of plastic bottles.

- Great! They're good for the environment!
- Ouch! Aren't they uncomfortable?

2. You have to wear a smart wristband.

- Cool! I love technology.
- No way! I don't want my teachers to know what I'm doing!

3. You have to wear a solar backpack.

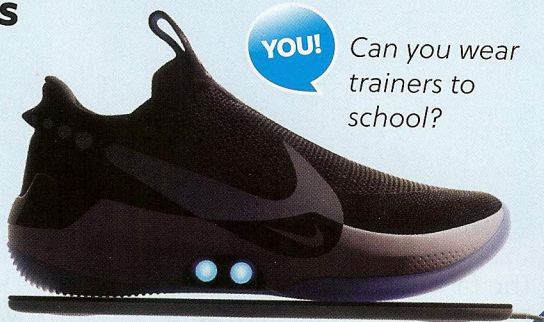
- Yes, please! I can charge my phone at school.
- No, thanks! I want to choose my own bag!

4. You have to wear a smart blazer.

- Good idea! It helps me to arrive at school on time.
- Bad idea! I don't want my parents to know if I am late!

SELF-LACING SHOES

Are your teachers always telling you to do up* your laces*? Now there is a new shoe that does it for you! Nike Adapt trainers have laces that you can tie from your smartphone.



YOU! Can you wear trainers to school?

SMART WRISTBAND

Do you wear a watch to school? At one High School in Guangzhou, China, students have to wear a smart wristband 24/7! It records what time students arrive at school, how often they put their hand up in class, how far they walk and even when they go to sleep and wake up!

YOU! What do you wear on your wrist*?

*** WORDWISE****English**

solar panel
charger
to charge
landfill
GPS microchip
to do something up
laces
wrist

French

le panneau solaire
le chargeur
charger
la décharge
la puce électronique GPS
lacer
les lacets
le poignet

Italian

pannello solare
caricabatterie
ricaricare
discarica
ricevitore gps
allacciare
lacci
polso

German

Solaranlage
Ladegerät
laden
Deponie
GPS Mikrochip
festbinden
Schnürband
Handgelenk

Dutch

zonnepaneel
telefoonoplader
opladen
vuilnisbelt
elektronisch onderdeelje
vastmaken
veters
pols

Spanish

el panel solar
el cargador
cargar
el vertedero
el localizador GPS
atar
el cordón
la muñeca

6 LISTEN Track 2:

Listen to students talking about school rules.

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