

ACADEMY UNIFORM POLICY YEARS 7-11

Our uniform suppliers are School Uniform Direct, a well-known and experienced school uniform company, chosen after a rigorous tender exercise for the quality and price of garments, as well as the level of service they were able to offer. We hope that our students will enjoy wearing their uniform and we expect them to represent the Academy with pride by wearing it correctly.

GIRLS' UNIFORM

The girls' uniform is a black skirt (of an appropriate length) or trousers, a white shirt and Academy tie together with the black Academy blazer. Jumpers are available in either blackberry or grey – girls may choose either colour. Tights or socks **MUST** be plain black (no patterns). Headscarves may be worn for religious reasons only, and must be plain black (or white in summer if preferred) with no pattern or adornments.

BOYS' UNIFORM

The boys' uniform is black trousers, a white shirt and Academy tie with the black Academy blazer. Jumpers are available in either blackberry or grey – boys may choose either colour. Socks **MUST** be plain black (no patterns).

PE KIT

A wide range of co-ordinating sports kit is available in black and blackberry including shorts, skorts for girls, a polo shirt, a warmer long sleeved reversible sports top and tracksuit bottoms. Plain black PE socks may be purchased from any suppliers. PE trainers should be low cut and with non-marking soles.

For PE kit students must have a **plain black bag**

OPTIONAL JACKET / WINTER WEAR

We have also selected an optional WATERPROOF jacket, suitable to wear over the Academy blazer or for travelling to sports venues. There is a scarf available, in Academy colours but without the logo, for the winter. Please note that hats, gloves, scarves and winter coats that are purchased from other suppliers **MUST** be plain black.

SHOES

Shoes must be plain black, laces and stitching included, with closed toes. **Trainers may only be worn during PE or games activities, or when the Principal has agreed their use for special medical reasons.** Boots may be worn to and from school in the winter, but not around the school buildings (such boots should not have hardened toe-caps or studded soles).

Shoe soles may not exceed 1 cm and girls' heel height may not exceed 5 cm when measured at the back of the heel. Because of slippery surfaces and the particular danger of accidents in practical rooms and laboratories, sandals, stiletto heels and open front or sling-back style shoes are not permitted.

SCHOOL BAGS

All students **MUST** have an Academy rucksack or bag, purchased from School Uniform Direct – **there is no exception to this rule.** No other bags will be accepted and will be confiscated. This is so that all Academy books and students' work can be carried around safely and appropriately. Students will be held responsible for the good order and care of books and will be required to replace any books lost or damaged.

JEWELLERY

Jewellery may not be worn, apart from a wristwatch, which should be removed for PE lessons. If ears are pierced then only one small plain gold or silver stud may be worn in each ear lobe. Earrings should be removed for PE or covered with tape.

HAIR STYLES

Extremes of hair style are not acceptable at the Academy. Excessively short or long hair, hair that is shaved, obviously dyed, cut with a step or ridge or patterns, is not permitted. For boys a 'grade 2' haircut is the shortest allowed. If the hair needs to be shorter, it is on the understanding that we **DO NOT** accept a fully shaved scalp. Any hair longer than collar length is considered unsuitable. Adornments to hair styles are not allowed e.g. beads or coloured braids. Facial hair for boys is not considered suitable, unless for religious reasons.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be located at Student Services and will be retained until the end of each term and then disposed of if unclaimed. Please make sure all items are clearly marked so we can help reunite students with the misplaced property.