

ACADEMY UNIFORM POLICY (YEARS 7-11) 2024 to 2025

Chelsea Academy is a vibrant and inclusive Christian community; all of our students become a full part of this community when they join the Academy. The most obvious way in which our students show that they are part of this community is by wearing the Chelsea Academy uniform.

When wearing our uniform the students represent our Academy community. How they present themselves at the Academy and to the local community gives a very clear message about themselves and about the Academy. It is for this reason that we expect the highest standards of dress at all times. Our students must be in full and correct Academy uniform from when they leave home to travel to the Academy in the morning, until they return home from the Academy in the afternoon. We want our students to be proud to be part of the Chelsea Academy community and to wear their uniform with pride. This will only reflect positively on them and on the Academy.

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 also sell a selection of good quality pre-loved uniform at occasional uniform sales. In addition School Uniform Direct, as part of their focus on sustainability and affordability, has partnered with oldschooluniform.co.uk to offer parents the opportunity to purchase, request and recycle pre-loved uniforms.

STUDENT UNIFORM

- **Black tailored trousers. No tight or skinny styles**
- **Black pleated skirt**
- **White shirt**
- **Academy tie**
- **Black Academy blazer**
- **Optional Academy jumper**
- **Plain black tights or black socks to be worn (no patterned tights or knee length socks)**

Headscarves may be worn for religious reasons only, and must be plain black or white with no pattern or adornments; niqabs, veils or other face coverings worn for religious reasons are not permitted.

PE KIT

A wide range of coordinating sports kit is available in black and blackberry including shorts, skorts, a polo shirt, a warmer long sleeved reversible sports top, leggings and tracksuit bottoms.

ALL years (Y7-11) need a FULL Chelsea Academy PE kit.

Students must come to the Academy wearing PE kit and Academy blazer on the day they have PE. This means that two Chelsea Academy badges are visible at all times.

A plain dark coat may be worn if your PE lesson is outside. No hoodies to be worn at any time. Plain black 'base layers' can also be worn under an official kit on cold days.

Plain black PE socks may be purchased from any suppliers. Branded sportswear is not permitted. PE trainers should be low cut and with non-marking soles.

OPTIONAL JACKET / WINTER WEAR

We have 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. Boots are not permitted. Shoes should be made of leather or a similar material - trainers, any kind of canvas shoes or plimsolls are not permitted. **Trainers may only be worn during PE or games activities, on allocated PE days when PE kit is worn and/or when the Head of Year has agreed their use for special medical reasons.** Shoe soles may not exceed 1 cm and heel height may not exceed 5 cm when measured at the back of the heel.

SCHOOL BAGS

All students **must** have an Academy rucksack or bag, purchased from School Uniform Direct. **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 no more than one small plain stud may be worn in each ear lobe. Earrings should be removed for PE or covered with tape.

With the exception of the following, jewellery may not be worn:

- a wristwatch, which should be removed for PE lessons
- One small plain gold or silver stud may be worn in each ear lobe. Students may be asked to remove earrings for PE or covered with tape
- One small gold/silver/diamond nose stud

MAKE-UP AND NAIL VARNISH

Nail varnish and obvious make-up must not be worn; students will be asked to remove these. Nail art, false nails and false eyelashes are also not permitted.

HAIR STYLES

We do not accept a fully shaved scalp. Designs or patterns should not be cut into the hair or eyebrow/s. Hair must be of a natural colour. Where students have hair extensions or weaves, these must also be of a natural colour. Hair accessories, other than simple black or colourless hair accessories are not permitted.

The Academy is committed to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion. Whilst we respect and understand an individual's desire to express their identity through clothing and appearance, we are rightly proud of our high standards of dress and appearance. Therefore this policy follows a sensible professional approach to dress and appearance.

SIXTH FORM DRESS

The Sixth Form Dress policy can be found on our website.

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 that all items are clearly marked** so we can help reunite students with the misplaced property.

Any failure to meet these uniform requirements could result in your child being withdrawn from lessons.

The Academy reserves the right to make the final decision with regard to uniform issues.