

ACADEMY UNIFORM POLICY (YEARS 7-11) 2026 to 2027

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. The branded items marked with an * listed below can only be purchased from School Uniform Direct. The rest may be purchased from any retailer. 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](https://www.oldschooluniform.co.uk) to offer parents and carers the opportunity to purchase, request and recycle pre-loved uniforms.

STUDENT UNIFORM

Students **must** have:

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

Students **may** wear:

- Optional Academy jumper*. No other jumper / sweatshirt is permissible

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 berry including shorts, skorts, a polo shirt, a warmer long sleeved reversible sports top, leggings and tracksuit bottoms.

Students in years 7 - 11 **must** have:

- One Academy branded PE top* (this could be the polo shirt or long sleeved sports top)
- One pair of Academy branded bottoms* (this could be leggings, jogging bottoms, shorts)

Students in years 7 - 11 **may** have:

- any additional Academy branded items of PE kit* available from School Uniform Direct

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.

Only plain black socks may be worn (these can be easily purchased online or in any high street shop). Branded sportswear is not permitted. PE trainers should be low cut and with non-marking soles, and appropriate for taking part in sports, rather than fashionwear.

Please note that hats, gloves, scarves and winter coats **must** be plain and either black or navy.

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 on allocated PE days when PE kit is worn and/or when the Head of Year has agreed their use for documented 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

Students **must** have:

- a **rucksack**, in a dark colour, with two straps which can be worn on the back, and is suitable for carrying an Academy Chromebook safely (at KS4). Students will be held responsible for the good order and care of books and Chromebooks and will be required to replace any books lost or damaged. Other styles of bag are not acceptable.

Students **may** have:

- An Academy rucksack*

JEWELLERY

Jewellery may not be worn, apart from the following items:

- a wristwatch, which should be removed for PE lessons
- One small plain gold or silver stud may be worn in each ear lobe. Hoops, however small, are not allowed. Students may be asked to remove earrings for PE or cover with tape
- One small gold or silver nose stud

Other items of jewellery may be confiscated, and the Academy will not be held responsible for any lost or missing confiscated items.

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 any uniform issue, and prohibited items may be confiscated.