



3rd June 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

RE: Uniform

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to say welcome back to our students following the half term break. It feels timely to remind everyone about our uniform policy ready to start a fresh term. For the avoidance of doubt, please find a summary of what is included in the policy below.

Trousers - Must be plain black and in a tailored formal style; Must **not** be cropped, tight/skinny fit, made of stretch or patterned fabric. They must **not** have decorative button, buckles or fashion belts; Jeans, flares, cargo or bootlegged trousers, tracksuit bottoms, jeggings or leggings are **not** acceptable.

Skirts - Must be plain black and in a tailored formal style. Skirts may be A-line, pencil or pleated (twin, knife or box pleat). Tight-fitting, tube skirts are **not** acceptable. Must be worn with a minimum of plain black 40 denier tights.

Shoes - Schools shoes must be plain black made of a polishable material and free from embellishments and decorations. Please note that trainers, canvas shoes, boots or pumps are not acceptable.

- The academy blazer is to be worn at all times. Even with the increase in warm weather students will be given permission if required to remove their blazers on the day.
- Socks should be plain black ankle length socks.
- Plain white school shirt.
- Coats must be removed once inside the academy building.
- No phones, smart watches or other electronic devices are allowed (at any time in the academy – this includes after school activities). Phones must be switched off and in the bottom of the student's bag.
- Students must attend the academy fully equipped with a bag, planner and a pen ready to learn.
- Ties must be worn at all times and not defaced with writing. The top button on the shirt must be fastened and the tie worn appropriately.
- Make-up must not be worn. This includes false eyelashes, false nails and painted nails. No jewellery is allowed.

- PE kit must be brought on the days the student has PE. Failure to do so will result in a sanction.
- Water bottles are accepted into the academy to allow students to stay hydrated throughout the day. These can be filled during breaks and lunch times using the water fountain in the dining hall. Energy drinks, of any kind, are not allowed in the academy.

Students wearing items that do not match these descriptions will be asked to change and support will be given to parents/carers to source acceptable garments if needed. Should you have any queries regarding uniform, please contact your child's Learning Manager.

We welcome your support in ensuring that your child continues to wear the correct uniform as specified above.

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Yours faithfully

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