

Uniform for September 2021

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our uniform consultation last term. We had almost 200 responses and have looked carefully at all of these. The following information summarises our uniform for September 2021, including any changes.

TDA Tie

There was no clear preference in terms of colour choices for the Academy tie. We have worked with our uniform suppliers to design a tie that more closely matches the colours on the blazer badge. If your child has an existing tie they will be able to exchange it, free of charge, for the new academy tie on their return to the academy in September 2021. For all students new to the Academy the tie can be purchased for £4.99 from <https://www.uniform-direct.com/> as soon as they arrive into stock later this term.



Skirts

The idea of a uniform style skirt was received positively in terms of providing improved consistency with this aspect of uniform. Although the checked skirts were popular the majority of parents and carers did not opt for this choice. Some parents and carers were also concerned about the potential increased cost of a checked uniform skirt. As a result of this feedback a plain black, knee length, pleated skirt has been identified which can be purchased from <https://www.uniform-direct.com/> at a cost of £12.99 or £15 for an adjustable waistband. If you would prefer to use a different supplier, it is essential that the skirt matches the same criteria as the style supplied by Uniform Direct. Any other style or length of skirt will not be allowed.



Trousers

We asked if you would prefer to have uniform trousers supplied exclusively by Uniform Direct for consistency. An overwhelming majority of parents and carers responded by saying they would prefer to use their own supplier. Therefore, this aspect of our uniform will remain the same. It is essential that all trousers are of a formal style with no skinny styles, stretch fabrics, jeans, chinos or leggings. We are aware that many suppliers, such as local supermarkets, will try to sell you inappropriate styles by stocking them in their 'uniform' section. Please be mindful of this when making your selection.

Jumpers

This was not part of our consultation however there is no longer any need to purchase a sweater with a gold stripe at the neck. For any child wishing to wear a jumper underneath their blazer a plain black, knitted, v-neck sweater can be purchased from <https://www.uniform-direct.com/> at a cost of £12.99. If you would prefer to use a different supplier, it is essential that the jumper matches the same criteria. Round necks, logos, sweatshirts, zip up tops or hoodies will not be allowed. If your child still has their original jumper with the gold stripe this can also be worn.

Blazers, shirts, shoes, socks and tights

There is no change to these aspects of our uniform policy. Blazers can be purchased from our supplier <https://www.uniform-direct.com/>. Shirts should be white with a formal collar. Shoes should be plain black and a formal style. Trainers or shoes with logos or other design features are not allowed. Socks and tights should be plain black.

Jewellery, hairstyles, nail varnish and make up

There is no change to these aspects of our uniform policy. Students are permitted to wear one pair of small stud earrings which are to be removed during PE lessons. A discreet clear retainer may be worn for other piercings. Students may wear a wrist watch but no other jewellery is allowed including rings, bracelets or necklaces. If students do not follow our policy jewellery will be confiscated until the end of the day. If this is repeated an adult will be required to collect any confiscated items. Make-up should be discreet and your child may be asked to remove make-up that is considered unacceptable. Coloured nail varnish and acrylic or gel nails are not allowed. Hair colour should be natural with no extreme colours or styles including shaved designs.

PE Kit

We are currently consulting on changes to the Academy PE kit and will update you later this half term. PE kit will also be available from our uniform supplier.

We must remind you that students who do not follow the uniform policy will be asked to address the issue or work in internal exclusion until this happens. The Academy has a supply of spare uniform and shoes which can be borrowed in an emergency.

This process helps to prepare students for life beyond school and the expectations and boundaries we are all expected to adhere to in our working lives. I hope you understand the necessity of reiterating this at this stage in the year, and look forward to your continued support.