

Academy Dress Code Years 7-11

The Academy has a dress code which all students are expected to follow. There is an emphasis on being clean and tidy and students must appreciate that not all items of clothing are appropriate for a place of work. Our students have always understood this and recognise that conflict over the dress code is inappropriate. Our dress code is practical and allows a choice within very clear boundaries.

1. Students must wear an Academy black V neck jumper with an Academy polo shirt.
2. If students choose to wear polo shirts alone, there should be no visible T shirt/vest or jewellery underneath and they should only undo 1 top button.
3. Girls must wear, full length black trousers/shalwar or plain black kameez and tunic/blouse with the polo shirt/jumper over the top.
4. Boys and girls trousers should be black and tailored; Jeans/track suits/leggings/very flared trousers/knee length trousers are not considered appropriate wear. Jeans are defined as trousers with patch pockets and rivets. Trousers should not trail on the floor.
5. If socks are visible under trousers, they should also be plain dark coloured.
6. Hijabs, scarves, turbans, crowns and top knots, worn for religious reasons, must be plain black and well secured.
7. Shoes must be sensible and entirely plain black, leather or leather look (not dark brown), with no logo on view, laces must be fastened and be plain black. Pumps and trainers are not acceptable. Heels should be low. Knee length boots can be worn under trousers. Students wearing the wrong footwear will be asked to change into Academy footwear.
8. Any student wearing jewellery other than; one plain pair of small metal or plastic studs and one plain unobtrusive ring and watch, will be asked to instantly remove it and it may be confiscated until the end of term. The only exception to this is where there is a known and accepted religious expectation, for example the Sikh Kara.
9. All facial jewellery or visible body-piercing is inadmissible.
10. Make up, if worn by older students (Key Stage 4 onwards), should be entirely discreet. No nail varnish or false nails at any time. If students wear excessive make-up or nail varnish they will be requested to remove it.
11. Hair should be appropriate to a professional place of work, i.e. no unusual styles or colours, shavings or patterns. Hair must be of a natural colour. A student may be asked to tie hair back for health and safety reasons. Hair bands should be plain black, no other hair ornament is necessary.

12. Belts, if worn, should be plain black and not worn as a 'fashion statement' over jumpers and polo shirts.
13. Outdoor jackets, jumpers or cardigans other than school uniform, should not be worn at any time inside the Academy. During cold periods students will need an Academy jumper. Hats and caps need to be removed before entering the building.
14. On dress down days, students are expected to dress sensibly and modestly and still observe the jewellery and hats and caps code.
15. We recommend that students have **all** their equipment and clothing *clearly named* in order that items can be returned if they are found and sent to lost property.