



15th December 2017

'Our Continuing Focus on Standards'

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you for your ongoing support of our extremely high expectations with regard to uniform standards. These high standards are helping to support the productive learning environment our students' experience.

Please find attached a reminder of what the uniform is but we are also providing clarity on **how** it should be worn.

All students are requested to carry a suitable bag and to come equipped with a black and green pen, pencil and ruler as a minimum.

KS3

Boys

- Ziggy blazer with logo (lower pockets trimmed) (uniform supplier)
- White formal shirt
- Black trousers (no jeans, chinos or stretch varieties)
- KS3 Broad striped tie (clip on) (uniform supplier)
- Black sweater with turquoise 'v' neck (optional) (uniform supplier)
- Black sleeveless sweater with turquoise 'v' neck (optional) (uniform supplier)
- Black cardigan with turquoise 'v' neck (optional) (uniform supplier)
- Black formal shoes (no trainers, no canvas shoes, no logos)
- School bag (school varieties – portfolio and backpack available from uniform supplier)

Girls

- Ziggy blazer with logo (lower pockets trimmed) (uniform supplier)
- White formal blouse with reverse collar
- Pleated Bedford check skirt or (uniform supplier)
- Straight Bedford check skirt (uniform supplier)
- Black formal trousers (no jeans, chinos or stretch varieties)
- Black tights/black knee high socks
- Black sweater with turquoise 'v' neck (optional) (uniform supplier)
- Black sleeveless sweater with turquoise 'v' neck (optional) (uniform supplier)
- Black cardigan with turquoise 'v' neck (optional) (uniform supplier)
- Black formal shoes (no embellishments) e.g. gold studs, diamante, bows etc.
- School bag (school varieties – portfolio and backpack available from uniform supplier)

KS4

Boys

- Black jacket with school logo to lapel (uniform supplier)
- White formal shirt
- Black formal trousers (no jeans, chinos or stretch varieties)
- KS4 Narrow striped school tie (uniform supplier)
- Black sweater with turquoise 'v' neck (optional) (uniform supplier)
- Black sleeveless sweater with turquoise 'v' neck (optional) (uniform supplier)
- Black cardigan with turquoise 'v' neck (optional) (uniform supplier)
- Black formal shoes (no trainers, no canvas shoes, no logos)

Girls

- Black jacket with school logo to lapel (uniform supplier)
- White formal blouse with revere collar
- Small scarf in KS4 stripe (optional) (uniform supplier)
- Pleated Bedford check skirt or (uniform supplier)
- Straight Bedford check skirt (uniform supplier)
- Black formal trousers (no jeans, chinos or stretch varieties)
- Black tights/black knee high socks
- Black sweater with turquoise 'v' neck (optional) (uniform supplier)
- Black sleeveless sweater with turquoise 'v' neck (optional) (uniform supplier)
- Black cardigan with turquoise 'v' neck (optional) (uniform supplier)
- Black formal shoes (no embellishments) e.g. gold studs, diamante, bows etc.

PE KIT FOR ALL

Navy blue polo short with logo

Navy blue sweatshirt with logo

Navy blue shorts or tracksuit trousers with logo

Navy blue football socks or white ankle socks

Swim hat (from PE Department)

Girls only – Navy or black one piece swimsuit*

Boys only – Navy or black swimming trunks*

Training shoes*

Optional but recommended PE items

Navy blue rain jacket with logo

The PE Kit (except these items*) is only available through the school supplier. Order forms are available from PE department, school reception and student services.

Clarity on how it should be worn:

- Some skirts being worn by students are too tight and too short. This is a modesty issue and we have this standard in place to allow all students and staff within the academy to work in a 'comfortable' and safe environment. Please check your child to ensure that, as they walk their skirts do not ride up and become too short and that they have not rolled up the waistband.
- School trousers should be formal school trousers. Skinny trousers, leggings and jeans are not permitted.
- Shoes worn to the academy should be plain, flat, black leather and **should not be trainers or boots**.
- Ties should be worn correctly and the top button of the shirt must be fastened
- Shirts must be tucked into waistbands
- Blazer sleeves must not be rolled up

We have also made some amendments to our 'Uniform' Policy in regards to make-up, jewellery and mobile phones so can I ask that you read the following carefully:

- No jewellery is allowed with the exception of a watch
- KS3: no make-up
- KS4: discreet make-up is allowed.
- The following are banned for all students: false tan, heavily made up eyebrows, false eyelashes, false nails/extensions, nail varnish
- No student should have dyed hair
- Mobile phones should be switched off and in bags at all times for all students. If students take phones out of bags, they will be removed and put in the school safe until a parent can collect it.

Should the Pastoral team deem that a student is not complying with the Academy expectations in relation to standards (eg a skirt that is too short, or trousers that are too tight) they will be given a deadline to rectify the situation before more serious actions are taken.

Students will be made aware of the changes and reminded of expectation in assemblies the last week of term. Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours faithfully

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