

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE POLICY

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE EXPECTATIONS 2020-21

All students attending the Great Academy Ashton are expected to wear a uniform at all times. Whilst fully appreciating the initial cost of a uniform, we feel the benefits far outweigh the negatives. A uniform provides a smart outfit for five days of the week and helps to ensure that no child need look richer, poorer or different. Parents and pupils are reminded that it is a condition of entry that the Academy uniform and appearance regulations are adhered to at all times and that students may be sent home, placed in isolation or excluded if they are improperly dressed or in breach of the policy. We expect parents to support us in the detail as well as the principle of the Academy uniform. Please do not buy anything that is not on the list or specified. If you are uncertain about the choices your child may wish to make around uniform or appearance please contact the Academy to check, prior to giving permission.

Girls:

- Black blazer with Academy Logo
- Black tailored loose fitting trousers or Academy black skirt, Lycra skirts and very short skirts are not permitted, skirts must be at least mid-thigh length
- Black hijab (optional)
- White shirt
- Academy tie (Key Stage 3 or Key Stage 4)
- Black Academy jumper
- Black socks or plain black tights
- Black flat sensible Academy shoes. Black trainers/exercise/canvas shoes/boots are not acceptable. Footwear must look like a sensible Academy shoe and not be able to be mistaken for trainer. Shoes must be plain black only with no white or contrast piping. Please be aware some shops do sell *black trainer type* shoes within their school shoe section and this style of shoe is not permitted.
- In summer girls may wear a Grey GAA polo shirt instead of the white shirt and tie

Boys:

- Black blazer with Academy Logo
- Black tailored trousers
- White shirt
- Academy tie (Key Stage 3 or Key Stage 4)
- Black Academy jumper (optional)
- Black socks
- Black flat sensible Academy shoes. Black trainers/exercise/canvas shoes/boots are not acceptable. Footwear must look like a sensible Academy shoe and not be able to be mistaken for trainer. Shoes must be plain black only with no white or contrast piping. Please be aware some shops do sell *black trainer type* shoes within their school shoe section and these style of shoe is not permitted.

In summer boys may wear a Grey GAA polo shirt instead of the white shirt and tie

Sports:

- Black shorts (optional)
- Black skirt (cross between skirt and shorts) (optional)
- Academy Performance T-shirt
- Academy hoodie
- Black track pants
- Black socks **Outdoor Clothing**

An outdoor coat should be worn to the Academy and it must be deposited in a student's locker at the start of the day.

Hooded tops, tracksuit tops and baseball caps must not be worn to the Academy or on the Academy premises.

All students must bring an appropriate bag to the Academy every day. No handbags. All bags should be able to hold A4 size resources.

Equipment

Students should be well prepared for school. Equipment needed every day; Pencil case (to include) pen, pencil, rubber, ruler and calculator. Students should also have a reading book and their learning journal.

Hair

Hair must be neat and tidy. We do not accept non-conformist hairstyles, extreme hair colour or shaved heads.

We do not accept any words, tramlines or designs cut into hair, or any design that cause or may cause offence. Headscarves must be black and plain in design. All headbands must be dark colours.

If you are uncertain about the choices your child may wish to make over their hairstyle, please contact the Academy to check prior to giving permission.

Jewellery

Students may wear one pair of stud earrings in the ear lobe only, a watch and Medicare bracelets only. No other jewellery is permitted. All jewellery is worn at the owner's risk. No body piercings of any other kind are permitted.

Cosmetics

Cosmetic nail varnish and acrylic nails must not be worn. Only natural nails are permitted.

Prohibited Clothing

Jeans or cords are not to be worn at any time.

Trainers/exercise/canvas shoes may only be worn in PE lessons.

Baseball caps or earphones are not permitted.

Any clothing that is considered fashion or non-Academy uniform in appearance is not permitted.

All items of clothing must be clearly marked with a student's name.

Valuables

Students must **not** bring valuables into the Academy. The Academy does **not** accept responsibility for their safety.