

Uniform Guidance

You are expected to wear Academy uniform. We believe that uniform fosters a sense of unity, pride and identity with the Academy, whilst also avoiding discrimination, inspiring positive behaviour for learning and setting a high standard. Smart students will enhance the reputation of the Academy within the local community.

Blazers, Jumpers, Shirts and Tie*

A blazer, shirt (tucked in at the waist) and tie must be worn in the Academy at all times. You must ask permission to remove your blazer in a lesson but must put them back on before leaving the classroom. Plain black, 'V' necked; jumpers/cardigans can be worn under the blazer during the winter months.



Skirts and Trousers*

Skirts must be black and knee length (split skirts are not permitted). Trousers must be ankle length and without adornments. Skin-tight trousers (between the knee and ankle), jeans and leggings are not permitted. Trousers will be considered skin-tight if it is not possible to pinch an inch of the material midway between the ankle and knee without pinching the skin (this includes stretchy trousers, which have to be prised away from the leg before the material can be pinched).

Appropriate skirts and trousers can be purchased from our online uniform shop Birds of Dereham (www.yourschoolwear.co.uk), or in person at their store.

If you choose to purchase your own skirts and trousers from a different supplier, they must be very similar in style to the ones we sell. Trousers and skirts which are too short or too tight fitting will not be allowed.

Birds of Dereham supplies two types of trousers for boys: elasticated back trousers or flat front trousers. They also provide senior trousers for girls.



Elasticated back (boys)



Flat front (boys)



Senior (Girls)



Coats, Hoodies and Outside Clothing

Hoodies/outside coats/outside clothing may only be worn outside the main Academy buildings (all outer garments must be plain-coloured and unadorned by badges or slogans). PE Hoodies may be only worn outside the academy buildings, in a PE lesson or on a fixture.

Footwear and Socks

Students must wear low-heeled, plain black shoes made from leather, synthetic leather or similarly robust material (fabric such as canvas is not permitted). Shoes with visible logos (including black and stitched logos) are not acceptable (i.e. Nike Swoosh and Adidas Three Stripes, VANS). Students may not wear trainers, plimsolls and boots. Socks must be plain black or grey.

Jewellery

Students are allowed to wear a maximum of one small stud in each ear and a watch. No other jewellery (such as rings and bracelets) is allowed and under no circumstances may students wear any facial jewellery (such as nose studs and tongue piercings). Clear retainers are not permitted as an alternative. All jewellery must be removed during PE lessons.

If your child is having their ears pierced, please could this be done at the beginning of the summer holidays? This is to give them sufficient time to heal, as all jewellery **MUST** be removed for PE lessons. Even if the earrings in place comply with the school uniform policy, they must still be removed for PE. The use of tape is not permitted.

Tattoos

Visible tattoos (including henna tattoos) are strictly forbidden.

Hair Fashions and Colouring

Extreme hair fashions, such as shapes or letters cut into the hair, extensions, unnaturally coloured dyed, bleached or beaded hair and totally or partially shaved heads are strictly forbidden.

Nail Varnish/Make Up

Only clear nail varnish is acceptable and a discreet amount of make-up is allowed.

Items denoted with a (*) can be obtained from Birds of Dereham (via shop or website)