

13<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Re: Academy Uniform - September 2023**

Dear Parent,

Following an annual review, I wish to inform you of the changes to the Academy's uniform which will come into effect from September.

In summary, **white socks, acrylic nails and fake eyelashes** will not be permitted. I have taken the liberty of pasting the uniform list below, highlighting the changes.

1. Black blazer and an Academy badge.
2. Plain white shirt or blouse with a stiff collar. The shirt or blouse tails should be tucked inside the waistband of the trousers. The collar button of the shirt or blouse should be done up at all times.
- 3. Plain black socks.**
4. Sensible stout black shoes with heels not exceeding 3.5cm in height. Trainers (including sport-branded 'shoes') and canvass-type shoes are not permitted.
5. Clip-on Academy tie.
6. Suitable ankle-length (not above the ankle) black school trousers with no distinctive styling or fashioning. 'Skinny trousers' and trousers with conspicuous belts/buttons/buckles/zips are not permitted.
7. No jewellery except for one pair of plain gold or silver studs, with one stud in each ear lobe, and a wristwatch. Eyebrow bars, nose and tongue studs are not permitted. All excess jewellery will be confiscated and returned to the responsible adult in person or to the pupil at the end of half-term.
- 8. Make-up should be very subtle and discreet. Nail varnish, acrylic nails and fake eyelashes are not permitted.**
9. Hair styles should be conventional, of a natural colour, and be culturally inclusive. Extremes of hairstyle are not permitted.
10. Jumpers, denim jackets and all types of hoodies are not permitted.
11. Suitable bag fit for purpose.
12. Mobile telephones, including smartwatches, and other unnecessary electronic equipment are not permitted because:
  - They distract from the teaching and learning process and disrupt the educational experience of others.
  - They can be used as medium for bullying and harassment.
  - They contravene Examination Board regulations.
  - They can become lost or stolen and absorb (unnecessary) time and resources in the investigative process.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. N. Houchen  
Principal