

Dear Parent/Carer

We believe that a uniform gives a sense of belonging and pride in the academy whilst ensuring equality amongst students. In addition, a smart appearance contributes positively to the students' attitude to work and study; it also influences how the academy is portrayed to the general public and visitors to the academy.

The academy uniform requirements are as follows:

- Plain black tailored trousers or academy skirt: trousers that are 'skinny' or legging like **are not allowed**
- Academy tie
- Academy blazer
- Plain white shirt
- **Plain black shoes must be worn**; this applies to both male and female students

In addition to appropriate clothing, all students are expected to maintain a neat and tidy appearance.

We are aware that many retail outlets identify their products as 'school wear' but in many cases the items do not comply with our uniform policy. This is particularly true for trousers and footwear so I would like to clarify these areas. Trousers should be plain black and of an appropriate length and fit. Skirts must be purchased from our uniform supplier and will be embroidered with the academy logo. Leggings, jeggings, jeans or similar items are not acceptable. The same applies to footwear.

We request that you support the academy's uniform policy by ensuring that your child is appropriately dressed for school.

To ensure that we make the best possible start to the new academic year, we would like to remind our students and parents of some of the rules for September:

- Jewellery is restricted to a **watch and one small stud earring** in each ear
- **Facial piercings or extreme hairstyles (no tramlines etc)/ extreme hair dyes/extreme or excessive makeup** are not permitted
- **Extreme or unsafe fake nails** are not permitted. Nails must be of a neutral colour.
- **Chewing gum/Energy and fizzy drinks are forbidden**
- No 'man bags' are permitted. Please have a proper school bag that can carry all materials
- There is **no entitlement to grant leave of absence for family holidays in term time**
- There may be exceptional circumstances under which leave may be granted under conditions agreed by the Governing Body. Such exceptional leave would **not be granted where a student's attendance is below 96%**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Fitzgibbon  
Principal