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Re: Academy uniform from September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to remind you that the academy uniform is changing from September 2026. To help avoid any confusion, here is a reminder of the new uniform.

Academy Uniform

All students must wear these items every day:

- Black academy logo blazer
- Academy tie
- Traditional plain white shirt with a collar (top button must be fastened)
- Plain black v-necked jumper (compulsory for Year 7)
- Plain black tailored trousers (trousers must not be Lycra, denim or similar stretchy/skin-tight material.)
- Plain black socks (knee or ankle length)
- Plain black shoes (no trainers, pumps, canvas, patterns, or accessories or excessive decorative features). Shoes should not be on or above the ankle (i.e. no boots).

Students can choose to wear the following optional items, if they wish:

- Academy black jumper with red stripe (Year 8 -11 only). These items are being phased out. If students in these year groups need to buy a new jumper, they should buy a plain black V-neck jumper (freely available from supermarkets and other retailers).
- Religious headwear must be plain black or plain white

Sports Kit

For PE lessons all students must wear

- Plain black academy logo PE T-shirt or plain black academy logo multi-top (compulsory for Year 7)
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or plain black football shorts
- Suitable trainers
- Students in years 8 - 11 can continue to wear their existing red PE T-shirts, multi-tops and academy shorts, although these items are being phased out. If students need to

buy new PE items they should purchase the new plain black academy logo PE T-shirt or plain black academy logo multi-top from the Arbor shop or academy Reception. Branded PE shorts can be replaced with plain black football shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms (freely available from supermarkets or other retailers).

Students can choose to wear the following optional items for PE, if they wish:

- Plain black leggings or plain black 'skins' may be worn under shorts.
- It is highly advised that students bring shin pads for practical PE lessons and gumshields when taking part in Rugby.

A note on jewellery and hairstyles

Please be aware of the following rules regarding jewellery and hairstyles:

- a watch and 1 or 2 small pairs of stud earrings (a maximum of 2 in each lobe) are the only jewellery to be worn in the academy
- ear 'gauging' (stretched ear lobes) is not allowed
- hair bands are to be discreet and either black or dark navy blue
- no facial/body piercings are allowed
- for health and safety reasons, all jewellery must be removed during PE lessons, and hair tied back
- false eye lashes and false nails (this includes nail varnish) are not allowed
- make up, if worn, should be minimal and natural in appearance
- hair colour must be of a 'natural' colour with no extreme haircuts/styles

From September 2026, all new students to the academy will receive their first set of branded uniform items free of charge. Non-branded uniform items are widely available in supermarkets and shops.

As your child outgrows any branded uniform or needs new branded items, you can purchase these from the Arbor shop or academy Reception.

To be clear, from September 2026, students will need to wear the specific items listed above.

We really appreciate your support in helping our students look smart, feel included, and ready to succeed together!

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Clifton
Headteacher