



Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of our first term, I thought it important to send a reminder about uniform and appearance expectations for the start of the new term.

Whilst false lashes and nails are great for the party season, please can you ensure that these are removed for our return to school on Monday January 8th, 2024. Jewellery (apart from small stud earrings) should also be left at home.

Standards of uniform in the school continue to be generally high and the majority of students do wear the correct uniform for school each day. Below you will find some reminders regarding Academy expectations.

The Academy Uniform

Ties, shirts and jumpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain white school shirt (no logos) buttoned to the neck (required, generic).• Academy tie -Years 7, 8 and 9 red and grey, Years 10 and 11 red and black (required and available from the uniform supplier. Replacement ties can be purchased thorough the Academy).• Black V-neck jumper with the Academy logo (optional item and only available from the uniform supplier).• Black V-neck jumper without the Academy logo (optional item, no branding, or logos).• Black cardigan with the Academy logo (optional item and only available from the uniform supplier).• Black cardigan without the Academy logo (optional item, no branding, or logos).
Trousers skirts and formal shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain black formal straight cut trousers – not leggings, jeans or stretch style. The bottoms of the trouser must be at least 7.5 inches/18 cm wide at the bottom (required and generic trousers purchased elsewhere MUST be the same style and fit as those provided by the uniform supplier).• Thick black skirt, no more than 2-3 inches above the knee taking into account the spilt at the back.• Black formal knee length shorts.
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black socks only to be worn with trousers (Generic). Black opaque tights must be worn with skirts (Generic).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain black, formal, leather or leather style shoes which can be polished. No trainers, plimsolls, pumps, or boots. Black leather (look) ankle boots are permitted in the winter months.
Outerwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside coats (generic) must be removed on entering classrooms. • Woollen hats may be worn between the autumn and spring half terms. • Caps are not to be worn on the Academy premises. • Large fashion belts are not permitted.
PE kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE polo shirt – (Required and only available from the uniform supplier.) • Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings- students are required to have at least one of these items. • Black Mid layer top – optional item only available from the uniform supplier. • Black base layer – optional item which may be worn underneath the PE polo shirt during the colder months. • Hoodie - optional item only available from the uniform supplier. • Rain jacket – optional item only available from the uniform supplier. • Skort – optional item only available from the uniform supplier. • Sports sock - optional item available from the uniform supplier. • Footwear – trainers are required to be worn only in PE lessons. Plimsolls, Converse, or canvas type shoes are not suitable and must not be worn. Students are advised to wear football boots for football and rugby.

We know that students attempt to convince their parents that wearing a different item will not be an issue. This is not the case, and we want to avoid the frustration caused when parents are persuaded, by their child, to buy inappropriate items of uniform (e.g., shoes or trousers) to then find that they then need to go to the expense of replacing the item/s. We have a stock of good quality, new uniform items for students to borrow should they attend school not dressed in full uniform.

Please use the following link to access our guide which provides more information on uniform and our expectations - <http://www.easingtonacademy.co.uk/useful-info/academy-life-made-easi-guide>. Apart from our school tie and PE top, all items can be bought in supermarkets and high street stores. If you would prefer items with our school logo, these can be purchased from Emblematic and please don't forget the Uniformd app for "preloved" items.

If you are in any doubt about whether or not an item would be acceptable uniform, please contact your child's year manager for clarification before making any purchase.

Thank you for your support with this; I am sure that by working together we can get the new term off to a flying start and avoid any unnecessary upset or extra expense.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Falconer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs N Falconer
Head of School