

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very proud of our Academy Uniform, especially with the recent introduction of blazers, coloured ties and lanyards. We are aware of a small number of students who are struggling to meet the expectations set out in the Academy Policy (**see below**). Some students are wearing trousers which are too tight, resembling leggings or “skinny fit” style trousers which are not acceptable. Some are wearing skirts which, when they are standing still the skirt reaches their knees, but as soon as they walk a few paces, the skirt rides up above the knee. (see examples attached). Some students are wearing hoodies in school, which are not acceptable. As has previously been communicated, children may wear their own non-branded hoodies on the way to and from school (and in the playground); but unless they are Kingswood branded, they should not be worn in school or in PE lessons.

We are sending this to all our families, as a helpful guide to what is and what is not acceptable. If your child’s uniform is not adhering to the policy, you may have been contacted already, or you will be in due course. We understand that during a national lockdown replacing uniform can be difficult, especially if this must be done online, so we want to give parents as much notice as possible so they can address this. We are extending the deadline for correcting the issue to the start of the spring term (4 January 2020). If you are made aware of the issue and do not meet the deadline, your child may be sent home from school until this is corrected.

To help source suitable attire we have contacted several families whose uniform is acceptable. They have told us they bought their trousers from the following outlets or websites - ASDA online, schooluniformshop.co.uk, NEXT, M&S (you can collect from M&S food). If you feel you may be unable to meet this deadline for any reason, you must contact your child’s Head of Year or Deputy Head of Year as soon as possible. In some cases, funding can be found for families that are struggling financially.

Please understand that if you are not contacted again, your child’s uniform fulfils expectations and there is no need to make changes to their uniform.

Thank you for your continued support. **Mr P Sanderson - Senior Assistant Principal**



Kingswood Secondary Academy School Uniform

Please note that from September 2020, it is compulsory for all pupils in Years 7 to 10 to wear a black blazer with the Academy logo/badge. For pupils in Year 11 this is optional. Blazers with the logo on can be purchased from Price & Buckland or, alternatively, badges from Price & Buckland can be purchased to sew on to blazers purchased from other suppliers. It is also compulsory for all pupils to wear their Student card, badge holder and lanyards. These are provided initially by the Academy but any that are lost or damaged must be replaced and paid for via ParentPay.

To aid in the creation of a professional learning environment, we insist pupils only wear one pair of small gold or silver stud earrings in the lobes of their ears. The studs should not be shaped or have coloured or diamante inserts. In addition, nose studs and other facial jewellery are not acceptable. Retainers, stretchers and bars of any kind are not permitted. Pupils may wear one small, plain ring.

Hair styles should not be excessive and should have a natural colour/tone. Pupils with long hair, ie hair on or below the shoulder, must carry a dark-coloured hair bobble whilst on the Academy site. Long hair must be tied back when instructed by staff e.g. in practical subjects, Art, Design Technology, PE, Science practicals etc. Exaggerated cuts of any shape or design are not acceptable. Nail varnish, nail extensions, false eye-lashes and make up are not allowed – pupils will be asked to remove these.

Our Academy Uniform consists of:

An Academy tie with a traditional white shirt which has a fastened top button and is long enough to be tucked into trousers or a skirt; the bottom of the tie should meet the waistband

Black trousers or skirt made of standard material – studs or zips on pockets must not be visible. Jeans, cords, hipster and tight-fitting (eg Revs-style) trousers are not appropriate. Combat-style trousers, eg with additional side pockets, are not allowed. Skirts should be no shorter than knee length and should not be fitted or made of tight stretchy material. Skater-style skirts are not suitable. As a rule of thumb, trousers and skirts should be modest. From September 2020 black blazers with the Academy logo/badge are compulsory for pupils in Years 7 to 10 and optional for pupils in Year 11

An (optional) Academy pullover or cardigan, in purple (years 7-8) or black (years 9-11), with the Academy logo. The jumper is compulsory for those students in Year 11 who do not wish to have a blazer. Black or grey socks with black trousers, neutral or black tights with skirts. Black leather or leather-style traditional school shoes that can be polished with a heel no more than 2cm in height. No boots or trainers, or trainer-style shoes such as Vans or Converse are allowed. Girls' ballet-type footwear is not acceptable

From September 2020, Student card, badge holder and lanyards are compulsory for all students. These are provided initially by the Academy but any that are lost or damaged must be replaced and paid for via ParentPay.

All pupils should have a warm coat for the journey to and from the Academy. Denim coats, hoodies (with or without a zip), body-warmer-style coats and caps are not allowed. Pupils are expected to carry a suitable, broad-strapped rucksack which is large enough to carry all equipment, ie A4 folders and PE kit. Handbags are not allowed.

Physical education kit for all years: It is compulsory for all pupils to have:

Academy short-sleeved sports polo kit

Academy long-sleeved reversible sports shirt

Academy shorts

Plain black sports socks

Suitable lace up trainers

In addition, pupils can choose to wear the Academy tracksuit bottoms

If it is cold, student may wear black leggings under their PE shorts, but not leggings without shorts.