

Uniform Policy

The Academy Trust believes that Academy uniform is a clear indicator of many of the standards which the Academy seeks to instil in its young people.

Furthermore the Trust acknowledges the view supported by a majority of parents that a uniform prevents competition over high-fashion clothing and makes differences in parental income less obtrusive. Every student at the Academy is expected to wear the full Academy uniform, which is deliberately kept as simple and reasonably priced as possible. Students attending our post-16 centre are expected to dress in appropriate professional clothing of their own choice.

The Academy Trust appreciates that young people need to express their individual tastes and styles but do not feel that Academy is an appropriate place for extremes of fashion, whether in clothing, shoes, hair-styles, jewellery, make-up or general appearance. Consequently, students who do not adhere to the Academy's policy on uniform will be spoken to by staff and will be required to make the necessary amendments to their dress or appearance. The Academy expects full support from parents in making Marine Academy a calm and equable place and reserves the right to make the final decision in such matters. Parents should think carefully about the Academy's policies; if parents decide to enrol their children at the Academy then their full support of all the policies is implicit in that decision.

The Academy Trust requires the uniform policy to be actively upheld by students, parents and all members of staff. Parents should ensure that students are professionally dressed for the Academy day and staff should ensure that students are supported in sustaining a professional appearance throughout the day.

Academy uniform that is marked may be purchased from the named supplier. Plain items such as plain jogging bottoms, plain white, collared shirts etc, may be purchased from other suppliers such as supermarkets.

THE ACADEMY UNIFORM IS :

GIRLS

- White shirt (**not** fitted, and must have a collar button and be long enough to be worn tucked in at all times)
- House colour striped tie
- V-neck navy sweatshirt with the Academy logo (not round-neck)
- Charcoal grey knee length skirt (Must not be tight) or Charcoal grey formal tailored trousers (not jeans, cargo trousers or cords)
- **Plain** black, navy or white socks/black or natural-coloured tights
- Sensible, **plain** black leather formal shoes only. **Trainers, canvas, suede and skate shoes are not acceptable.** Shoes should have no other colour or decoration.
- Tights can be opaque black in the winter or natural in the summer if so wished.

BOYS

- White shirt (with collar button and to be worn tucked in at all times)
- House colour striped tie
- V-neck navy sweatshirt with Academy logo (not round-neck)
- Formal charcoal grey trousers (not cargo trousers, jeans or cords)
- **Plain** black, navy or white socks
- Sensible, **plain** black leather formal shoes only. Trainers, **canvas, suede and skate shoes are not acceptable.** Shoes should have no other colour or decoration.

FOR BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS

Students can wear a **plain** black narrow belt.

Uniform should be worn professionally at all times and should be a matter of pride to all students; students who do not wish to wear the Academy uniform need to decide about where they wish to be educated. The Academy will aim for excellence at all times, in everything, and needs its students to be partners in that journey.

BAGS

There has never been a stipulation that bags must be all black – that would be very difficult to find. However what is stipulated is that students should not have fashion handbags; that all students should carry a formal school bag that is safe for carrying books and folders.

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES KIT

We ask all parents to support the Academy by ensuring that all students have the correct Sports and Activities kit, the details of which are below for your convenience.

Only Academy kit should be worn for sports and activities.

It is expected that every student will have the correct uniform and be able to take a full part in all Sports and Activities lessons. Sport staff will contact the parent of any student who doesn't have the correct uniform so it would be much appreciated if parents would check and make certain that any necessary items are provided.

INDOOR KIT

- White Academy polo shirt (with house colours)
- Navy shorts or **plain** navy tracksuit trousers with no other colour or decoration.
- White sports socks
- Trainers

OUTDOOR KIT

- Academy rugby shirt (girls can wear a plain navy fleece instead)
- **Plain** navy shorts or **plain** navy tracksuit trousers (no coloured stripes or other logos)
- Navy football socks
- Football boots
- Gum shield for rugby
- Shin pads for football and hockey

SPORTS TRAINERS

- Sports trainers can be worn for Sports and Activities – there is no requirements for these to be plain white but they must not have black soles as these mark the gym floor surface.

Note:

- **Plain** navy jogging/tracksuit trousers are optional
- Specific team kit may be required for those specialising or representing the Academy in summer sports e.g. whites or cricket or tennis; athletics vests, running shoes; dance kit
- All items of clothing and Sports and Activities' kit should be clearly marked with the owner's name.

JEWELLERY AND HAIRSTYLES

Wearing decorative jewellery is unsafe and inappropriate in a modern, active education environment. Students may wear one **plain** (finger) ring and one pair of small, **plain** ear-studs only. Any other jewellery (including bracelets and bands) if worn may be confiscated and handed into reception for collection at the end of the day. If jewellery is a persistent problem we will ask parents to come and collect confiscated items.

Piercings other than one in each ear lobe are **not** acceptable, nor is tape over such piercings. Parents who choose to allow their children to have piercings should ensure it is done during the holiday period and understand that all piercings must be removed before the Academy day begins and not replaced until after the Academy day has ended.

High fashion hairstyles including shaving or shaved patterns and non-natural colours are not acceptable for any student.

Make-up should be minimal : the Academy reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the appropriateness of the degree of make-up and students will be required to remove surplus make-up, nail polish etc.

Please note that the Academy reserves the right to make the final decision as to the appropriateness of dress, jewellery, makeup and hairstyle.

EQUIPMENT FOR WORK

For handwriting purposes, effective students need a fountain-pen or roller-ball pen, not a biro for all written work; pencil, metric ruler and eraser and a strong bag in which to carry this equipment and books. Please ensure your daughter has a suitable bag for Academy not a fashion handbag. Compass, protractor, colouring pens/pencils, calculator and English dictionary are also needed by all students and a French/English dictionary, would be useful.

Note: Our mathematics faculty orders calculators with all necessary functions and other maths equipment in bulk during the autumn term and passes on discounted prices to students and parents. Please contact the curriculum area for mathematics for further details. Similarly, the English and Modern Foreign Languages staff would be happy to advise about appropriate dictionaries.

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