

KFA/HAN/Heads PA/Letters/Uniform
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Dear Parents / Carers

Uniform Expectations for 2024/2025

As we approach the end of the Summer Term and the academic year, I am writing to remind you of our uniform expectations. I know that a lot of money is spent over the Summer period on uniform, and I would just like to ensure that you spend your money on acceptable uniform and not waste it on items that do not fit with our expectations.

All students will be required to comply fully with our dress code and uniform policy when they return in September. Any student who is not in the correct academy uniform will be isolated until the uniform issues are rectified.

Trousers and skirts

Black formal trousers or black tailored skirts are required.

Leggings and skirts are the two biggest issues we face on a daily basis and I need to make our expectations very clear about these. As we approach the end of the academic year, standards have slipped, leggings have made an appearance and we are constantly asking our female students to pull their skirts down as they are far too short for a school environment. Stretch tube skirts are NOT allowed and skirts must be no shorter than 1 inch above the knee.

Unfortunately, it might be necessary to insist that an individual wears trousers to school if they continue to refuse to comply with our expectations around skirts.

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- Black Trousers- smart school trousers, not jeans, not jeggings, not combat trousers not leggings
- Black Skirt –a tailored black skirt. Not stretchy, not a tube skirt and not too short. If a skirt is worn it should rest on the knee.



Shirts and Ties

Shirts can be long or short sleeved, but they must be a formal shirt and not a polo type shirt. Ties are also compulsory, and there are specific ties for every year group.

Blazers and Jumpers

All students must wear their blazer whilst in the academy unless permission has been given by a member of staff to remove it. Blazers must be on before students come through the doors, and all outdoor clothing must be removed. When we have incidents of very wet or very cold weather, we make arrangements for students to remove their outdoor clothing just inside the academy. Any jumpers that are worn must be Winifred Holtby Academy jumpers. We have relaxed the blazer expectation this last half term due to the warmer conditions in the building. In September blazers must be worn again.

School Shoes

School shoes need to be black and formal. Black trainers are not acceptable footwear. Please see examples of the acceptable shoes below. We understand that children will try to stretch the rules by telling you that other items are acceptable, but they are not. Medical evidence will be required if any pupil has a condition or injury that means alternative footwear is required.

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- Shoes need to be plain black. Black trainers are NOT acceptable.



Jewellery and Makeup

If your child has plans for a facial piercing over the summer, please make sure it is done in plenty of time to be removed before our return. We now allow skin-coloured retainers but we will not deviate from this expectation. Any student who has a piercing and refuses to remove it will be isolated until it is removed.

Hair must be a natural colour and not extreme in its style. Any student who attends with un-natural hair colour will be isolated until it is rectified. Large ear-rings are not allowed and any make up needs to look natural.

We will loan items of uniform out if a student arrives in incorrect dress or if any items are missing. These items are washed and dried after every wear. If these items are not returned to us at the end of the day, we will invoice parents for the item on Arbor pay.

The vast majority of our students turn up day in day out in the correct uniform, and we are very appreciative of that. We believe that our policy is reasonable, and you can purchase many items from supermarkets for a reasonable price. Unfortunately, some students do not comply, which means our staff spend a disproportionate amount of time dealing with incidents where students are not in the correct uniform. This takes away the time that should be spent on learning and pastoral care. Please can you check the policy and notes above before purchasing uniform and we will start the next academic year without too many issues.

If you have any queries over our uniform expectations please make contact before the end of term.

If you have any pre-loved items of uniform please drop them to reception and we will make good use of them.

We are hoping to work with one of the charity shops in Bransholme Centre to set up a WHS uniform rail to give parents/carers a cheaper alternative to blazers, ties, jumpers and PE kit. If you have any contacts that could help with this please let us know.

Yours sincerely



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