

# Uniform Standards

## “BEING SMART

Uniform helps people feel they belong and are part of a community.”

We believe that our students thrive when expectations are high. The smart appearance of our students reflects the academy's ethos and helps to create the right learning culture for students to reach their academic and personal potential. We expect students to take pride in their uniform and to arrive to school in possession of the right equipment and home learning.

Not only is our uniform made from quality materials that are machine washable and hard wearing, it is cost effective and easily accessible.



### MAIN UNIFORM

- royal blue blazer with academy logo
- grey jumper with blue v-neck design
- light blue shirt
- clip-on year tie
- charcoal grey trousers (traditional style full length no jeans style, tracksuit, leggings or fashion trousers)
- plain black waterproof leather style shoes or trainers such as Air Force or similar (no canvas style shoes)
- hats may not be worn in the academy building
- outdoor coats can be worn in corridors but must be removed on entry to classrooms

### PE KIT

- sky blue polo shirt with academy logo
- navy/sky blue shorts/skort with academy logo
- navy blue socks
- training shoes (separate to school shoes)
- football boots with studs or blades (no 'Astro' trainers allowed) for use on 3G pitch

#### Optimal items for colder weather:

- navy and sky blue hoodie with academy logo
- navy blue tracksuit bottoms with academy logo
- navy/sky blue leggings

### ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT

We expect all students to have the following items to ensure that they are ready to learn in all lessons:

- pens (black or blue ink) / pencils / ruler / eraser
- Casio fx-83GTX CLASSWIZ scientific calculator
- reading book
- timetable
- personal headphones (in ear or over ear for use in ICT/Music)
- a refillable water bottle
- school bag/backpack
- trusted adult card



### JEWELLERY

- no facial piercings, except flat plastic retainers
- no tongue piercings
- one pair of stud earrings or small sleepers
- no necklaces or chains to be worn outside a student's shirt
- if jewellery reappears it will be confiscated

### MAKE-UP, HAIR & NAILS

**Make-up and nail polish is allowed if it is discreet. Any application of makeup that is deemed to be excessive in any way will not be tolerated. The academy reserves the right to be the final arbiter of what constitutes extreme hairstyles, but a general guide should be as follows;**

- no shapes cut into hair, no unnatural colourings
- colouring is permitted if it is naturally blended and of natural tones
- no false nails, e.g. acrylics
- no false eyelashes

### SANCTIONS

Students' uniform, equipment and appearance is regularly monitored to ensure they are adequately prepared for learning. Students not following uniform rules will be sent to the Assistant Head of Year to rectify the issue. Repeated equipment/uniform infringements will be recorded, parents will be contacted and sanctions will be put in place.

Handheld devices such as mobile phones, smart watches, bluetooth speakers and associated accessories are not allowed to be used by students whilst on the premises. They must be kept switched off and out of sight at all times, including headphones. Any use of mobiles is prohibited in school, this includes using it as a calculator or to check the time. If a student is seen with a mobile phone at the academy, it will be confiscated and parents will be contacted and asked to collect the device from Reception.

Students and parents are reminded that valuable items should not be brought into the academy.



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## ACADEMY UNIFORM: CHARCOAL GREY TROUSERS

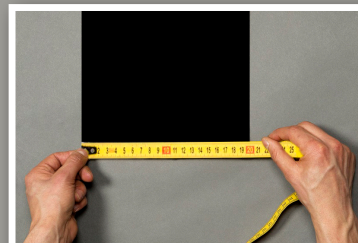
The academy uniform requires that students wear charcoal grey trousers (dark grey). Having visited a range of shops and websites, it is clear that retailers can be misleading when they sell school trousers. They advertise 'school trousers', when it is clear that the style is not appropriate for school wear.

Rather than increase the financial burden on some parents by insisting that trousers must be purchased from PMG School Wear, we have decided to give parents/carers more guidance on where they can purchase suitable school trousers, from a range of high street retailers. You can find further information on our website on the PARENTS/UNIFORM page.

PMG School Wear in Ipswich stock the preferred colour and cut of school trousers.

When choosing to purchase your child's school trousers from a different supplier, please ensure that the side hem at the bottom of the leg measures at least 17cm wide on each side and the fabric is cotton/polyester. If you are ever unsure whether you are purchasing suitable trousers, always ask, to avoid a wasted purchase.

This picture shows the correct place to take the bottom hem side width measurement



Uniform items without logos such as shoes, socks, trousers and shirts may be bought from shops that sell school uniform. Please take care to ensure such items conform to our academy colours and styles. As a guideline, here are some examples of the sorts of styles which are permitted and those which are not. This is not an exhaustive list and if you are in any doubt, please ask for clarification from your child's Pastoral lead. Shoes must be black and the uppers should be of a leather-look, i.e. not canvas.

Westbourne Academy is a multicultural community with people of all faiths and many of our students wear head coverings for religious reasons and through personal choice. Should your child wish to wear these items, we ask that they are plain, navy blue or black.



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