

**18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Dear Parent/Carer

May I thank you once again for all your support so far this year. It has been a very busy one and students have settled well into the autumn term.

**Students will finish for the Christmas break on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 at 12.15pm.**

**Students will return after the New Year on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023. All students should arrive at the usual start time.**

We expect students to be proud of their uniform as they represent our Academy both to visitors to the Academy and in the community. Uniform requirements are included in this letter. We expect all students to be in full academy uniform when they return in January.

As you may be aware, I am retiring at the end of this academic year. Last week, Governors and members of Tove Learning Trust held interviews for the post of Principal. They are pleased to announce that the successful candidate was Mr Henry Holland. Mr Holland will take up the post from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Yours sincerely



**Julie Anstey**  
**Principal**

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### **Main uniform items**

**Blazers:** Black Grace Academy Blazer with GA Logo - required

**Shirt:** Plain white cotton shirt with a top button which should be fastened at ALL Times (no polo-shirts).

**Ties:** Purple Grace Academy tie with GA logo on display below the knot - required. \*Prefect purple and gold stripe, awarded by the Academy, should be worn instead of the plain purple tie when prefect status is given.

**Pullovers:** Plain black V-neck – optional (no sweatshirts, no hooded tops, no cardigans, no tank tops). **Trousers:** Plain black tailored (no denim/fashion trousers or leggings/tight trousers) which should cover the legs and ankles entirely with **black socks** i.e. no trainer socks. OR

**Skirts:** Plain black pleated/non-pleated of an appropriate length with black opaque tights which should cover the legs and ankles entirely. No tube skirts (stretchy skirts) are allowed. Tights should not be see-through and be at least 60 denier.

**Shoes:** Plain black shoes (no trainers/pumps/canvas shoes/boots/sports brands/shoes with fashion laces or extra adornments).

**Coats:** Winter coats/anoraks – optional. Plain in colour. (No denim, hooded tops, tracksuit style tops or fashion jackets). No coats, gloves/scarves to be worn inside the Academy.

### **Grace PE Kit**

- Grace Academy Polo shirt with Logo - required
- Grace Academy Rugby shirt and/or Grace Academy Sweatshirt with Logo – required
- Black Rugby/Football shorts or black sports joggers
- Non-marking sports shoes
- Football boots (optional for football/rugby)
- Black Rugby/Football socks
- Shin pads (optional)
- Grace Academy waterproof PE jacket with Logo (optional)

During outdoor activities especially in winter months, we advise a black or white underlay/base layer to be worn.

**NB: Students not participating in a PE lesson are expected to bring kit so they can assist in the lesson. It is recommended that all items are to be clearly marked with the student's name.**

### **Optional – headscarves**

- Black school approved headscarf conforming to the requirements below:
- The fabric should be lightweight and plain black.
- The headscarf must be folded under the chin, taken round to the back of the neck and the ends tucked in. This conforms to the health and safety and school requirements.
- The headscarf must be worn so that the collar and tie can be seen clearly. The reason for wearing the headscarf is to preserve modesty. Therefore it should not be worn with headbands, brooches, shadow stripes, patterns, logos, embellishments, diamantes, tassels or other colours.
- A photographic example of the above criteria for headscarves is available upon request.

### **Post 16 Students**

Students attending our sixth form will not be expected to wear the academy uniform however they will be expected to attend in business dress. The academy reserves the right to send home students who are not conforming to the standard of dress required by the academy.

### **Additional Uniform Information**

#### **Jewellery:**



- No rings
- No bracelets
- No necklaces
- One small plain, gold or silver single stud allowed in each ear lobe. No piercings allowed anywhere else on the ear
- No additional piercings anywhere on face or body including tongue
- No make-up, nail varnish or acrylic nails
- No fashion belts
- No hair accessories including bows and clips except for a plain hair band which is white or black
- Hair must be a natural single colour, no extreme styles, spikes, patterns or shaved areas. No shaved eyebrows

### **Acceptable examples of plain black shoes and Trousers/Skirt:**

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Plain Black School Shoes



Tailored School Trousers



Skirt - appropriate length with black opaque tights

#### **X Not Acceptable Shoes and Trousers/Skirts**



No buckles,  
bows,  
embellishments.



No trainers.



No leggings, or  
tight trousers,  
or jeans



No tube skirts, or  
tight skirts.

### **Uniform Suppliers:**

Items with Logos such as blazers, ties and PE kits can be purchased from:

Clive Mark Schoolwear  
Units 40-44 Saddlers Centre  
1 Park Street  
Walsall  
WS1 1YS

First Choice Uniforms  
26 Union Street  
Wednesbury  
WS10 7HD  
0121 505 7100



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