

Grace Academy Darlaston

Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction

We take great pride in our students, staff, partners and building. We also place great emphasis on standards – standards of learning, conduct and behaviour. In line with our values of Grace, Integrity, Respect, Potential and Excellence we operate a compulsory school uniform policy. All students in years 7 to 11 are required to wear the full academy uniform and Post 16 are required to wear business attire at all times. Students not in the full uniform will be supported in correcting this before entering lessons.

Our academy uniform fulfils four important functions:

- It creates a sense of pride and belonging to our school
- It allows everyone to feel equal
- It is formal dress that creates a positive mood for learning
- It prepares you for the dress expectations of a professional career

2. Main uniform items – Years 7 to 11

All items detailed below are required as part of the Academy uniform unless marked “optional”

Item	Further Details
Blazers	Black Grace Academy blazer with GA Logo
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/Jumpers	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 or ankle socks.
Skirts	Plain black and pleated, which must be at least 18” or 45cm length with black 60-80 denier opaque tights covering the legs and ankles completely. No tube skirts (stretchy skirts) or short or tight fitting skirts are allowed.
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
- Grace Academy Rugby shirt and/or Grace Academy Sweatshirt with Logo
- Black Rugby/Football shorts or black sports joggers
- Non-branded 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.

Uniform Support

At our academy, we believe that every student should have the opportunity to wear their uniform with pride, regardless of financial circumstances. We understand that some families may face challenges in acquiring the necessary uniform items. To support our students, we offer assistance by providing pre-owned uniform items to those who may need it. Families experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to reach out to our Family Support worker, and we will provide the necessary support to ensure all students have access to the appropriate academy uniform. Please email enquiries@darlaston.graceacademy.org.uk or call 0121 568 3300 for support.

3. Post 16 Dress Code

Students attending our sixth form will not be expected to wear the academy uniform however they will be expected to attend in business dress. Business dress is defined by the academy as tailored trousers, skirt or dress and jacket with a blouse or shirt/tie. Trousers should be loose fitting and sit over the top of the shoe. Skirts and dresses should be loose fitting and knee length and worn with tights. The academy reserves the right to send home students who are not conforming to the standard of dress required by the academy.

4. Additional 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 and no false eyelashes.

Lockers are available on request and can be secured with payment of deposit. Forms are available from reception

Appendix 1

Acceptable examples of plain black shoes and Trousers/Skirt:



Not Acceptable Shoes and Trousers/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
01922 622556

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

<https://clivemark.co.uk/>

<http://www.firstchoiceuniforms.co.uk/>

Items without logos can be purchased from any retailer of parent/carer choice.