

Grace Academy Darlaston

Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction

We take great pride in our building, our students and our staff. We also place great emphasis on standards – standards of learning, conduct and behaviour. In line with our Business and Enterprise focus we operate a compulsory school uniform policy. All students in years 7 to 11 will wear the full academy uniform at all times. Students not in the full uniform will not be admitted.

Our business style academy uniform fulfils three important functions:

- It gives the academy a clear identity.
- It represents a simple but effective statement of our pride and sense of community.
- It also avoids any competition or stigma between individuals that can occur too easily because of designer clothes and fashion trends.

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:

1. The fabric should be lightweight and plain black.
 2. 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.
 3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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

Lockers are available on request on payment of deposit. Forms available from reception.

Appendix 1

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
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/carers choice.