



Uniform Policy

Charter Academies has a distinctive uniform that is formal, affordable and widely available. The uniform policy covers:

- Overall identity.
- Small school and age-related variations.
- Sportswear.
- Outdoor wear.
- Jewellery and make-up.
- Bags.

Uniform Code

Charter Academy uniform is an important indicator of our well-ordered and disciplined Academy.

Accordingly, and as a demonstration of pupils' pride in the Academy, it is expected that pupils will come to the Academy every day in neat, clean uniform as specified below. Parents support in ensuring this is expected. The uniform code will be strictly enforced.

Charter Academy uniform is as follows:

The uniform of the Academy is outlined below:

- Academy House Badge.
- Academy blazer (The V-neck jumper may not be used as an alternative).
- Academy tie.
- Plain black V-neck jumper only (not worn in place of a blazer).
- Mid grey trousers (or skirt for girls just above or below the knee, if preferred).
- Plain white shirt (buttons up to the collar, long sleeves rolled down, optional short sleeve shirts may be worn in the Summer Term).
- Smart black flat-heeled shoes (no trainers).
- Plain black/grey ankle socks or plain black tights for girls.
- Academy has open necked blouses (optional) for girls available. These **must** be purchased from Charter only.
- Academy school bag **only**; consisting of a Rucksack or side bag for books and a PE draw string bag. (All Year Groups **must** bring their bag each day for a reading book; improving literacy).

- Shoes **must** be plain, black (not fabric i.e. Vans/trainer looking) and without logos, patterns or markings of any kind.

Optional items:

- A plain grey/black Academy (head) scarf or a Charter Academy neck scarf.
- A black coat/jacket with **no hoodies, branding or logo**. They must be removed on entering the building.
- A plain, black hat that must only be worn on the way to and from school.
- Plain black gloves.

Additional Items and Issues

If for religious or cultural reasons a pupil covers their head, then this should match the Academy uniform expectation for headwear (black).

Jewellery is limited to:

- One plain wristwatch.
- One pair of **small** stud earrings for girls/boys (Pupil Services have the acceptable size for students/parents to check against).
(Please note that the only piercings acceptable are in the ears, all other piercings are to be removed before coming to school and replaced with clear plastic retainers.)
- Stretchers are not allowed.
- Bangles, necklaces and rings are not allowed.
- Jewellery must be removed before P.E. lessons.

Make-up is to be kept to a minimum, false eyelashes and nail varnish are not permitted. Students will be told to go to Pupil Services to remove nail varnish and excessive make-up when they enter the Academy gate in the morning. Haircuts **must** be sensible and appropriate bearing in mind the ethos of the Academy. Shaven heads, dyed hair (natural and no extreme colours) or other attention-seeking hairstyles are not appropriate.

Refer to the current Home School Agreement for **further expectations**; School website and Newsletter updates.

Sports Uniform

- Academy polo shirt (no other tops are to be worn).
- Academy sports fleece (optional).
- Academy sweatshirt (optional).
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms (no logos).
- Plain black shorts (optional).
- Trainers (black).

- Sports socks (white, grey or black).
- All in one plain black swimming costume for girls, plain black swimming trunks/shorts for boys (no logos).

All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the student's name. Lost property will be kept in Pupil Services. Parents/carers may look through the lost property box before and after school each day.

Monitoring the Uniform

All staff monitor the uniform on a daily basis. If there are any issues, the school Behaviour Management Policy will be applied.

Parents will be contacted in the event of recurring problems. In the event of a serious infraction of policy, the pupil may be sent home to change and offending items of jewellery. Additional clothing will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

Uniform Room

The Uniform Room, attached to Pupil Services will provide uniform for students who do not arrive at school correctly dressed. Students will be expected to trade a personal item (such as a mobile phone) in exchange for an item of uniform which is missing or not in an acceptable condition. The item of uniform will be given back at the end of the day and the personal item returned. If the item is returned in an unacceptable condition, parents/carers will be required to reimburse the costs involved to replace or repair each item.

A pupil using the Uniform Room on more than three occasions will incur a detention, up to 1hr and may include a 2hr Senior Staff Detention, 3.00pm-5.00pm on a Friday. On the third occasion, the parent/carer will be contacted to ask why the student is not in the correct uniform on their arrival to school as per the Home School Agreement.