



# Ark Charter Academy Uniform Policy 2021/22

## Rationale

Students are expected to wear the Ark Charter uniform to show that they are a part of our community. Their uniform is a symbol of equality, identity and allegiance to our Academy's culture and ethos. School uniform should be worn smartly. All shirts must be tucked in with buttons done up to the neck. All uniform should be clean, tidy, and in good repair.

## Compulsory items – all students (excluding CAP)

- A black blazer with purple braiding, embroidered with the school badge.
- Plain black shoes with flat heels. Boots, plimsolls, suede or canvas shoes are not permitted. Shoes should be appropriate for School use. This rules out raised heels, casual and fashion shoes. There should be no coloured logos on shoes or other coloured markings. All shoe soles must be black.
- Plain black jumper or sweatshirt. Hoodies are not permitted and will be confiscated.
- The school tie.
- A plain white school shirt with either long or short sleeves.
- Black trousers (should not be skinny, tight fitting or of canvas like material) or black skirt with/without school logo. (Skirt must not be pencil fitting or made from stretched cotton)
- Black or dark grey socks or black tights.
- Black backpack or portfolio bag with school logo.
- Plain black or Navy coat. Any logo must be small and in the same colour as the coat.

## Compulsory items – CAP students

### Year 10 CAP students:

- Plain black shoes with flat heels. Boots, plimsolls, suede or canvas shoes are not permitted. Shoes should be appropriate for School use. This rules out raised heels, casual and fashion shoes. There should be no coloured logos on shoes or other coloured markings. All shoe soles must be black.
- Plain black jumper or sweatshirt. Hoodies are not permitted and will be confiscated.
- The school tie.
- A plain white school shirt with either long or short sleeves. (Students who already have the school striped blouses may wear these for 2020/21).
- Black trousers (should not be skinny, tight fitting or of canvas like material) or black skirt with school logo.
- Black or dark grey socks or black tights.



### **Year 11 CAP students:**

- Plain grey or black polo shirt
- Plain black jumper or sweatshirt. Hoodies are not permitted and will be confiscated.
- Black trousers (should not be skinny, tight fitting or of canvas like material) or black skirt.
- Black or dark grey socks or black tights.
- Plain black shoes with flat heels.

### **Sports kit – all students**

- Black polo sports shirt with school logo.
- Plain black shorts.
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms.
- Black sweatshirt – either plain or with school logo.
- Sports shoes – Trainers of any colour (non-marking soles).
- Swimwear – plain black swim shorts (boys) or plain black swimming costume (girls). A plain black t-shirt may be worn over the top of swimwear if required.
- Optional Swim/PE bag with school logo

### **Expectations**

- Coats must be removed prior to entry into a classroom.
- Hats must be removed prior to entry into any building.
- Students must always wear their blazer. Class teachers may allow removal of blazers within the classroom. In exceptional conditions the Principal will authorize students to remove their blazers throughout the day.
- Every parent/carer has a responsibility to ensure that their child has a full Academy uniform and wears it correctly each day. This includes being aware of the need to replace items that are becoming worn out.
- Every member of staff has a responsibility to check students' uniforms. In the case of an infringement, staff must ensure that it is that it is rectified and that an Academy detention is issued and that prohibited items are confiscated and given to the HOY.

### **Jewellery, nails and makeup**

- Students are allowed to wear a wrist watch
- One small metal stud in each ear. No diamond style ear studs are allowed.
- No facial or body piercings are permitted, nor are piercings covered by a plaster due to health and safety.
- No bracelets
- No rings
- No false nails or coloured nail varnish.
- Makeup worn must be subtle and suited to a work environment.
- No false eyelashes that are longer than natural eyelashes.



## Hair and Headwear

- Hair (including hair extensions) must be of a student's natural hair colour (no red, blue, orange, purple, pink, etc) and appropriate style (No tramlines, mohicans, extreme shaving or styling of hair or eyebrow designs etc.).
- Long hair must be tied back for practical lessons. Hair decorations should be small and plain black with no patterned headbands or bandannas allowed.
- Students are permitted to cover their head for religious or cultural reasons. Headscarves, turbans etc. must be plain black, white or grey.

## Uniform Sanctions

Dealing with uniform issues detracts from our core purpose as a school: teaching and learning. Parents/carers are urged to ensure that their child is sent to school in the correct school uniform or they should bring a note into school explaining the reason behind an item of uniform being incorrect i.e. incorrect footwear.

Where uniform rules are broken the school has the right to impose a sanction. Each case is different and could include the following:

- An initial warning.
- A phone call or letter to parents.
- Confiscation of an inappropriate item of clothing i.e. hoodie, nose ring, coat.
- Working in isolation.
- Detention.
- Students may be asked to return home to rectify the problem.
- In extreme circumstances students may be excluded from school.

## Examples of acceptable footwear



## Examples of acceptable trousers

