

Uniform



1. Introduction

The uniform policy as set out below is integral to the vision and ethos of the school. By being smart and professional students can wear the uniform with pride and encourage high aspirations. A smart uniform also removes distraction and competition which may be caused by an individual's style of dress and allows pupil's to concentrate on learning.

Uniform is compulsory for students in Years 7 – 11 and students in the Sixth Form are expected to maintain this high standard by wearing work-appropriate clothing.

The branded elements of the uniform are supplied by **Famous School Branches** and are available from the Uniform Shop at **Sanford Street, Swindon, SN1 1HE** and on their website: <http://store.famousbranches.com>.

2. Years 7 – 11

Items marked * are branded GWA items available from Famous School Branches and cannot be substituted for non-branded equivalents. All other items may be purchased from any outlet as long as they meet the requirements stated.

Day Wear

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| GWA BLAZER* | Grey blazer with Academy logo <i>Available from Uniform Supplier</i> |
| SHIRT | Plain white, short or long sleeved with collar attached. To be tucked in at all times. |
| GWA TIE* | Academy tie, grey and teal striped, worn conventionally. <i>Available from Uniform Supplier</i> |
| TROUSERS | Plain black school trousers, normal cloth, full ankle length and standard fitting. No 'skinny' fit, 'loose' fit or 'leggings' style. |
| GWA SKIRT* | Plain black skirt, knee length with GWA logo. <i>Available from Uniform Supplier; straight or pleated design available</i> |
| <i>NB: Students may wear either trousers or a skirt</i> | |
| SOCKS | Plain white, black or dark grey |
| TIGHTS | Plain, black, or neutral |
| SHOES | Plain, black, polish-able, low heeled sensible design |
| OUTDOOR COAT | Plain, sensible dark-coloured coat, raincoat or anorak |
| BELT | Only plain black belts may be worn with trousers and decorative belt buckles are not permitted |

A school jumper may be available later in the year, subject to demand.

The following are not permitted:

- Sweatshirts
- Tracksuit tops
- Denim including black jeans
- High heeled shoes
- Sports shirts
- Boots (including ankle boots)
- Canvas shoes and trainers
- Vests or T-shirts with logos which can be seen through a school shirt

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PE Kit

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| GWA POLO TOP* | <i>Available from Uniform Supplier; unisex or girls' fitted options.</i> |
| GWA REVERSIBLE RUGBY TOP* | <i>Available from Uniform Supplier. Required for boys, optional for girls</i> |
| GWA SHORTS* or SKORT* | <i>Available from Uniform Supplier</i> |
| GWA FLEECE TOP* optional | <i>Available from Uniform Supplier</i> |
| SOCKS | White ankle length socks for indoor sports, white football socks for outdoor sports |

Students may also wear a plain white base layer for PE lessons if desired.

Footwear – Students will need appropriate footwear for sports (trainers for hard surfaces indoors and outside and football boots for football and rugby lessons).

3. Years 12 – 13

Sixth Form students are not required to wear uniform however are expected to wear suitably professional clothes, for example if working in an office environment. Students should have no visible tattoos.

4. Hair

- Hairstyles should be practical, clean and safe.
- Long hair may be required to be tied back for safety reasons in certain lessons
- Extreme hairstyles that detract from the smart appearance of the Academy uniform are not permitted
The definition of what is extreme will change with fashion, but includes shaven or excessively short hair (grade 2 and below), hair with patterns cut into it, hair extensions or non-naturally coloured hair.

5. Jewellery

The following jewellery is permitted

- One pair of small stud or sleeper earrings in the ear lobe
- A watch

No other forms of body/facial piercing are allowed. No other jewellery is allowed.

6. Make-up

- Students are not permitted to wear make up
- Students are not permitted to wear nail varnish

Students will be expected to remove any make-up / nail varnish if found to be wearing

7. Financial Support

Students in receipt of free school meals are entitled to support for up to 50% of the cost of GWA branded items. Parents need to contact the Academy to arrange for this to happen, providing evidence of free school meal entitlement. Other families facing specific difficult circumstances are welcome to contact the Academy to request support; such applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

8. Ensuring students meet our expectations of wearing the correct uniform

If a student is not wearing the expected uniform on arrival at the Academy they will be provided with appropriate spare uniform to change into. Should this occur on a regular basis parents will be contacted to arrange for a longer-term solution.

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Any other breaches of the uniform will be dealt with in accordance with the Academy's Behaviour policy.