

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. 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 pupils to concentrate on learning.
- 1.2. 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.
- 1.3. 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. Review

- 2.1. This policy will next be reviewed in December 2022 and will be agreed by the Governing Body
- 2.2. The policy will be published on the school’s website.

## 3. Years 7-11

- 3.1. 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 if they meet the requirements stated.

### 3.1.1. Day Wear

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

The following are not permitted:

- Sweatshirts
- Sports shirts
- Tracksuit tops
- Boots (including ankle boots)

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Date of Last Review	April 2021
Date of Governor’s Agreement	29 April 2021
Date of Next Review	Oct 2023

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- Denim including black jeans
- High heeled shoes
- Canvas shoes and trainers
- Vests or T-shirts with logos which can be seen through a school shirt

### 3.1.2. PE Kit

GWA POLO TOP\*

**Available from Uniform Supplier; unisex or girls' fitted options.**

GWA REVERSIBLE RUGBY TOP\*

**Available from Uniform Supplier. Required for boys, optional for girls**

GWA SHORTS\* *or* SKORT\*

**Available from Uniform Supplier**

**GWA LONGER SKORT \* optional**

This is an additional item for students who would prefer a slightly longer length skort. It is 2 inches longer than the standard version.

GWA FLEECE TOP\* *optional*  
SOCKS

**Available from Uniform Supplier**

White sports socks for general use and white football socks for sports that require shin pads.

SHIN PADS & GUM SHIELDS

**Are strongly recommended for all year groups and genders. Failure to wear these items for specific activities (Foot, Rugby etc) may result in students not being able to fully participate in large sections of a lesson/series of lessons**

**GWA TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS \* optional**

These are additional items that may only be worn in very cold conditions, or if participating in an away sporting fixture. Available from Uniform supplier.

**GCSE PE POLO TOP \*optional for GCSE PE Year 10/11 students only**

This is an optional item for any GCSE PE students which can be in addition to or replace the normal PE polo shirt. Available from the Uniform supplier.

**GCSE PE HOODIE \*optional for GCSE PE Year 10/11 students only**

This is an optional item for any GCSE PE students which can be in addition to or replace the normal PE polo shirt. Available from the Uniform supplier.

UNDERLAYERS - in particularly cold conditions students may wear plain black or white underlayers, however leggings are not permitted and are not part of the school PE kit.

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

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## 4. 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.

## 5. Hair

- 5.1. Hairstyles should be practical, clean, and safe.
- 5.2. Long hair may be required to be tied back for safety reasons in certain lessons
- 5.3. 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.*

## 6. Jewellery

- 6.1. The following jewellery is permitted
  - 6.1.1. One pair of small stud or sleeper earrings in the ear lobe
  - 6.1.2. A watch
- 6.2. No other forms of body/facial piercing are allowed. No other jewellery is allowed.
- 6.3. All jewellery should be removed, or sufficiently taped over, and hair tied back for every PE lesson/sporting enrichment for health and safety reasons. Failure to not do this will result in a sanction and the student will not be allowed to participate practically in the lesson. Fitbits are up to the discretion of the teacher depending on the activity.

## 7. Makeup

- 7.1. Students are not permitted to wear excessive make up. Make up should be natural.
- 7.2. Students are not permitted to wear nail varnish
- 7.3. Students will be expected to remove any make-up / nail varnish if found to be wearing

## 8. 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.

## 9. Ensuring students meet our expectations of wearing the correct uniform

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. Any other breaches of the uniform will be dealt with in accordance with the Academy's Behaviour policy which can be found on the website.