

## 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. 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
- Tracksuit tops
- Denim including black jeans
- Sports shirts
- Boots (including ankle boots)
- Canvas shoes and trainers

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- High heeled shoes
- Vests or T-shirts with logos which can be seen through a school shirt

### 3.1.2. PE Kit

ITEM	Compulsory / Optional	Comments	Available from
<b>GWA POLO TOP</b>	Compulsory	Unisex or girls' fitted options available	Uniform supplier
<b>GWA SHORTS or SKORT</b>	Compulsory	For students who would prefer a slightly longer length skort, there is an additional skort on the website that is 2 inches longer than standard.	Uniform supplier
<b>GWA REVERSIBLE RUGBY TOP</b>	Optional	Both of these options are for if you would like an additional layer to wear in the winter months.	Uniform supplier
<b>GWA FLEECE TOP</b>	Optional		Uniform supplier
<b>SOCKS</b>	Compulsory	White sports socks for general use and white football socks are needed for over shin pads	Uniform supplier or any sport shop
<b>Sports trainers</b>	Compulsory	They must be supportive, rather than daps or fashion trainers.	Sports shops
<b>Plastic moulded football boots</b>	Compulsory	Please note, due to insurance students have to wear plastic moulded football boots on our Astro. Metal studs, Astros or trainers are NOT permitted.	Sports shops
<b>Shin pads</b>	Compulsory	Failure to have shin pads will result in students not being able to fully participate in some/all of the football lessons.	Sports shops
<b>Gum shield</b>	Highly recommended	Strongly advised for rugby lessons for both genders. <b>(Please note, as we do not have access to a field for 2023-24, we will not be teaching rugby until Sept 2025. )</b>	Sports shops
<b>The GWA school grey tracksuit bottoms or <u>Plain</u> black tracksuit bottoms</b>	Optional (There is currently a 20% discount of the school grey tracksuit bottoms)	If students would like to wear the GWA school grey or <b>plain back</b> tracksuit bottoms when the weather is particularly cold then this is fine as long as they are not leggings or have excessive colour/logo/patterns.	Uniform supplier  Sports shops
<b>GCSE PE POLO TOP</b>	Optional for students who have selected GCSE PE in Year 10.	Please note there is no obligation to purchase this.	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.

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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 earrings in the ear lobe
  - 6.1.2. A watch
  - 6.1.3. One small, clear nose stud
- 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.
- 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.