



Uniform Expectations at **THE BULWELL ACADEMY**



**The Bulwell
Academy Blazer**



White Shirt
(buttoned to top,
tucked in) worn with
year group tie



**Black V-Neck
Jumper**
(optional), with or
without red trim



**Black
Pleated
Skirt or
Black
Regular Fit
Trousers**



- **School socks** worn above the ankle must be black.
- **School tights** must be black. Any socks worn over tights must be black.
- **Ankle or trainer socks** worn on their own may be of any colour.



- **Plain Black T-shirt** (or Bulwell branded PE top)
- **Black Joggers / Leggings / Shorts** as required
- **Black Sweater / Base Layer** as required
- **Suitable Trainers** (any colour)



Optional

Plain Black Shoes with a black sole and flat heel (trainers or Croc-style shoes are not permitted),



A plain black backpack big enough to carry A4 books / folders and equipment, including PE kit.



No false nails.
Light make-up only.
No hooped jewellery.
No smartwatches.
Only one studded nose piercing and one stud per ear.
No more than two bracelets.
No hoodies or cardigans.
No mobile phones to be seen or heard.

Every year group has a different colour stripe on their tie. Please see the numbers above for reference. Please note that your child will keep the same colour tie throughout their time at the Academy. Year 7 students **only** are provided with a free tie on their first day. Replacement ties can be purchased via the Arbor School Shop or from Just Schoolwear.



Branded Uniform

The following branded items are **COMPULSORY**:

- **Academy blazer** (sleeves worn to the wrist - not rolled up)
- **Academy tie** (specific colour stripe for each year group)

The following branded items are **OPTIONAL**:

- Black jumper with red piping sold by Just Schoolwear*
- Academy short-sleeve or long-sleeve PE top

*Note: a plain black v-neck woollen jumper may be worn but is not essential. *Cardigans and hoodies are not permitted. School jumpers cannot be used to replace blazers.*



**COMPULSORY
Academy Blazer**

**COMPULSORY
Academy Tie**

*See page One for
year group colours*



**OPTIONAL
Black/Red V-Neck
Jumper**



Non-branded Uniform

The following non-branded items are **COMPULSORY**:

- **White school shirts** buttoned to the top and tucked into trousers or skirt at all times (*any item worn underneath a school shirt must be plain white with sleeves no longer than the sleeves of the shirt*)
- **Black regular fit school trousers** that cover the top of the shoe, or **black pleated school skirt** worn no shorter than 1 inch above the knee (*trousers and skirts should not be tight fitting or made of stretchy fabric; any belts worn should be plain black*); where appropriate, students are permitted to wear a plain black kamiz or a plain black shalwar.
- **Plain black shoes with a black sole and flat heel**—no trainers or Croc-style shoes are permitted. Ankle socks or trainers socks can be any colour (only black ankle socks are allowed to be worn over tights). Any other socks (above the ankle) or tights must be black.
- Equipment should be carried **every day** in a **suitably sized plain black backpack that can be worn on the shoulder/s** (ie, large enough to carry A4 size folders and PE kit).
- Students should bring a **refillable bottle** to school **every day** to ensure they stay hydrated.

Student appearance

- Hair should be worn neatly. Long hair should be tied back for all practical sessions.
- Any make-up and/or nail varnish should be lightly applied. *Eyelashes and nails should only be moderate in length. False nails are not permitted.*

Being prepared for all types of weather

- During colder or wet weather, students should wear a waterproof coat with hood. Coats can be of any colour. *Hoodies are not permitted.*
- During hot weather, students, parents and carers will be informed if an adjustment is to be made to uniform, such as not wearing blazers.

PE Kit

Essential Items: Plain black short-sleeve T-shirt; plain black jogging bottoms or black stretch pants / leggings; suitable socks and trainers

Optional items: Plain black shorts; Academy PE short-sleeved or long-sleeved zipper top or plain black sweater; plain black long-sleeved base layer

Student Appearance for PE: Long hair must be tied back; all jewellery must be removed for PE with the exception of medical identity tags.



OPTIONAL: Academy short-sleeve PE top



OPTIONAL: Academy long-sleeve zipper PE top

See below for prohibitions that apply to uniform, appearance and technology.

The following are prohibited items that DO NOT form part of the Academy uniform:

- Trousers and skirts that are tight fitting and/or made of stretchy fabric, ie, leggings / jeggings / jeans / Lycra or Bodycon skirts.
- Trainers (other than for PE); boots or shoes that fasten above the ankle; platform shoes; sandals or Crocs-style shoes; only black socks to be worn over tights. *Any other socks (higher than the ankle) must be black. Tights must be black.*
- Hoodies, cardigans, branded jumpers, full length knitwear (confiscated if seen).
- Where communication is shared that blazers are not required (ie, for a fixed period during hotter weather), these should not be replaced with any other jacket or non-school jumper.

The following prohibitions apply to student appearance:

- **No hats, caps, bandanas, durags or sunglasses** (*these items should be removed and put away before entering school premises – if seen on site, items will be confiscated*).
- Any make-up and/or nail varnish should be lightly applied only. Eyelashes and nails should only be moderate in length.
- **No false nails.** These must be removed before students enter the school premises.
- **No hooped jewellery** or smartwatches. Only 1 studded nose piercing and one ear stud per ear. No more than two bracelets. *All jewellery must be removed before PE with the exception of medical identity tags.*
- No permanent or temporary tattoos (in accordance with Chapter 24 of the Tattooing of Minors Act 1969)

**See it,
Hear it,
Lose it!**



Mobile phones, smartwatches, earphones / headphones, iPods, MP3 players and electronic games are not to be seen or heard on school premises. ***Mobile phones must be switched off before entering the school gate and placed in bag (not pocket).***

Confiscated items can be collected by the student from Reception at the end of the school day.



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Where to buy uniform, both new and recycled

Purchasing New Uniform

The Bulwell Academy blazer, tie and branded PE tops can all be purchased from **Just Schoolwear**: just-schoolwear.co.uk — order by the first Sunday in August for delivery in time for September.

All other uniform may be bought from other retailers provided they meet the uniform requirements as detailed above. Just Schoolwear uniform must be ordered online for “click and collect” from the Just Schoolwear stores OR delivered to your home. Additional ties and recycled branded uniform (*at around a third of the cost of new uniform*) can be ordered using your school Arbor account.

Purchasing Recycled Uniform

At The Bulwell Academy we have a Pre-Owned Uniform Shop to help families buy more affordable uniform and to reduce clothing waste.



To help stock the shop, the Academy will regularly ask for donations of uniform that are no longer required.

Recycled items can be purchased on request on Arbor Pay as follows: Blazer £10, Jumper £5, Tie £2, Trousers £2, Skirt £2, Shirt £1, Academy PE short-sleeve top £4, Academy PE long-sleeve top £6. PE shorts £2.

Parents/carers are also welcome to make an appointment to view our recycled uniform before purchasing from the Arbor School Shop.

Items to donate can be handed in at the Academy Reception. To make an appointment to view our stock of recycled items, please email enquiries@bulwellacademy.org.uk.



Local Uniform Exchange Groups



Facebook is a good place to start looking for recycled uniform. Search Bulwell Academy uniform on [Facebook Marketplace](https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/) or take a look at the Facebook groups below:

Firstly, there is the Academy's own Facebook group for buying, selling, gifting and swapping uniform:

[facebook.com/groups/bulwellacademypreloveduniform](https://www.facebook.com/groups/bulwellacademypreloveduniform)

Once parents/carers have joined the group they can list items needed or items they have to sell, gift or swap.

Secondly, try the [Nottingham School Uniform Exchange Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/nottingham-school-uniform-exchange-group) on Facebook, where you will find uniform items advertised for all schools across Nottingham.

Lastly, keep up to date with events and news in your local community with the [Bulwell Community](https://www.facebook.com/bulwellcommunity) Facebook group, where you may also find uniform for The Bulwell Academy listed and can also post your own adverts.

There is also a [Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/bulwellacademy) run by parents/carers of The Bulwell Academy where parents/carers can share any items they would like to sell, swap or gift as well.