



First Impressions Count: A consistent and fair achievement of high standards.

To further maintain the extremely high standards that our students, their parents and carers and our staff have achieved into 2021, we write to share our expectations to support the possible replacement of worn items of uniform that may take place over the Christmas break.

Please note that RESET will be issued for all uniform and appearance breaches, including forgotten items of uniform, until resolved. We will not provide any allowance in our policy for students returning with prohibited piercings, unnatural hair colouring or prohibited items of clothing so I urge families to plan for such changes carefully.

Please rest assured that we will not allow financial restrictions to negatively impact any student's access to the correct uniform. In order for us to explore financial support, please email Mr Foran, Vice Principal for Standards and Expectations, in advance at robbie.foran@bulwellacademy.org.uk.

The compulsory uniform for all students:

- Bulwell Academy blazer
- Bulwell Academy tie
- Formal plain black trousers that *must* cover the ankles and laces or formal plain black skirt
- Plain white cotton blouse/shirt with collar worn tucked in at all times
- Plain black ankle or trainer socks or plain black tights
- Plain black formal shoes that can be polished to a shine
- *Black v-neck jumper (optional)*



Please see included and as previously shared, a comprehensive gallery of clothing items that show clearly what is and what is not permitted at The Bulwell Academy. This will help hugely when purchasing items of clothing for September.

The following items of clothing and accessories are **not permitted** at The Bulwell Academy:

- Trainers or any trainer-type footwear; Nike, Adidas, Converse, Reebok and other sports brands are not permitted
- All canvas/fabric type footwear
- Boots or shoes that lace up above the ankle
- Skin-tight/stretchy trousers and those short at the ankle
- Skin-tight/stretchy skirts or any that are patterned or textured
- Hair that is dyed in unnatural colours and any styles consisting of shaved patterns
- Facial piercings and plastic retainers (only one plain spherical stud per ear lobe will be permitted)
- Hoodies, branded jumpers and baseball caps (will be confiscated if seen)
- Round neck jumpers and any non-v-neck styles
- Nail varnish, false nails and make-up
- Knee-high socks

The wearing of trainers will only be permitted during PE lessons.

Notes from parents/carers, requesting alternative footwear, must be supported in writing *by a medical professional, on letter-headed paper and state specifically, the make and type of footwear that is recommended.*

Please note: Items marketed by high-street shops as “Back to School Ranges”, may not be permitted at The Bulwell Academy. Please keep your receipts.

Uniform Guidance



Examples of acceptable styles of footwear:

(Plain black, formal, leather/leather-look styles that can be polished and worn with a suit)

All styles shown below can be purchased with delivery at very competitive prices from Shoe Zone, Asda and Sainsbury's



Examples of styles of footwear not permitted:

Many high-street shops market their range as "Back to School". Many of the styles marketed are not permitted. When purchasing footwear please ensure that they are not those shown below and **do not look similar** to those displayed below.



Still in doubt? Email us a photo or link of footwear to robbie.foran@bulwellacademy.org.uk

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Examples of acceptable styles of trouser:

- Trousers - Black, regular fit, formal trousers that are not tight fitting, cover the shoe lace area and are not short at the ankle.
- Skirts – Black, formal skirts that are not tight, stretchy, patterned or short (worn 1 inch above the knee)



Examples of trouser and skirt styles that are not permitted:

- Trousers - Any style of trouser that is tight fitting, stretchy and/or short at the ankle
Skirt – Any style that is tight fitting, stretchy, patterned or short



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