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**THE BULWELL
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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to take the opportunity to remind parents, and students, of the [uniform expectations](#) at the Academy. Back in July 2023, Mr Belshaw wrote to all parents to explain several changes to the uniform policy. These changes were made in consultation with students so that their opinions were heard and responded to. It is important that students feel we listen, and that they are able to express themselves.

I am writing to you today to remind you of those expectations, and to seek your support in ensuring that students attend school wearing the **correct uniform** and wear their uniform **with pride**.

- Students must attend school every day wearing their school tie and blazer.
- Blazers and ties to be worn at all times, not placed in school bags.
- Shirts must be tucked in.
- Students must wear plain black footwear only. Any shoes that are not plain black are not permitted.
- Students must wear black trousers or a black skirt of appropriate length (no shorter than one inch above the knee). Trousers and skirts must not be tight fitting. Leggings are not permitted.
- All outdoor jackets and coats must be removed when inside the school building.

Students who are not wearing the correct uniform, or fail to wear their uniform with pride, will receive a 10 minute after-school detention as well as losing \$5 Bulwell Bucks for not meeting the B2 expectation (Be Prepared).

BASIC EXPECTATIONS	
B1	Be on time
B2	Be prepared
B3	Be calm
B4	Be respectful
B5	Be off-line

LESSON EXPECTATIONS	
L1	Ask and answer questions
L2	Show PRIDE
L3	Respect adults
L4	Respect each other
L5	Work bell-to-bell

BE BULWELL KIND	
K	Kind
I	Intelligent
N	Neat
D	Determined



From Monday 6 November 2023, should any student attend school without the correct items of uniform, we will contact you to ask for your help to ensure they are properly dressed – for example, if they leave their blazer or tie at home or are wearing incorrect footwear or wearing leggings.

If you would like to discuss the uniform policy, or if you are struggling to purchase items of school uniform then please do not hesitate to contact us by phoning the school on the above number or by email to enquiries@bulwellacademy.org.uk.

For more information about purchasing uniform or sourcing recycled or free uniform, please visit the Academy website: bulwellacademy.org.uk/main/parents/uniform.

A reminder of the uniform requirements can also be found on the following pages.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Irons'.

Mr M Irons
Vice Principal



Branded Uniform

The following branded items are **COMPULSORY**:

- **Academy blazer** (*sleeves worn to the wrist - not rolled up*)
- **Academy tie**



COMPULSORY
Academy Blazer

The following branded items are **OPTIONAL**:

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

COMPULSORY
Academy Tie



OPTIONAL
Black/Red V-Neck
Jumper

*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.*

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 footwear with a black sole**—no flashes of white or colour are permitted. Ankle socks or trainers socks can be any colour. *Any other socks or tights must be black.*
 - Equipment should be carried **every day** in a **suitably sized bag 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.
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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.*
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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.
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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. Belts that are not black.
- Footwear that is not **all** black; boots or shoes that fasten above the ankle; platform shoes; sandals (*Socks that are higher than ankle socks must be black. Tights must be black.*)
- Hoodies, cardigans, branded jumpers, full length knitwear (these will be 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 hooped jewellery or smartwatches. 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 only be collected by the parent / carer (not the student) between 3pm and 4pm Monday to Thursday or 3pm to 3.30pm on Fridays.