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Dear Parents and Carers

Reinforcing Uniform Standards

I am writing to you to remind you of our expected standards for school uniform for next term. We believe that the wearing of the Academy uniform provides every student with a sense of belonging and of pride in their school and their appearance. Adhering to the school uniform policy also helps to improve standards of work and behaviour amongst our students.

It is essential that every student of The Bulwell Academy attends school in full uniform and has a suitable school bag and necessary equipment.

After the Easter break, starting 15 April, we will be checking uniform more closely when pupils arrive to school. We are reintroducing the **'Red Line'** — any student who arrives to school in incorrect uniform will be expected to get the correct uniform before being allowed to enter school, whether this is by returning home or borrowing items from school.

At all times, every student is required to wear:

- The Bulwell Academy blazer
- White school shirt (tucked in)
- The Academy tie
- Black school trousers or black **knee length** skirt (**not** tight fitting or made of stretchy fabric)
- Black footwear (**no** flashes of white or colour)

All pupils should have a school bag and equipment.

Students may also wear a school v-neck black jumper for extra warmth (this must not be worn in place of the Academy blazer).

The current Uniform Requirements can be found at the end of this letter. This includes items that are not allowed (see page 4). The full Uniform Policy can be found on the Academy website, along with guidance on how to source uniform, both new, recycled and free:

bulwellacademy.org.uk/main/parents/uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform for next term, and that they take responsibility for wearing the correct uniform every day and bringing the necessary equipment to school every day. If you need any support with uniform, we are here to help. You can contact your child's Year Manager for support: bulwellacademy.org.uk/main/parents/pastoral

Many thanks and have a great Easter break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Keen'.

Mr C Keen
Executive 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 be collected from Reception by the student at the end of the school day.