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Dear Parent/Carer

Academy Uniform and Expectations

I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued efforts in helping the Academy to maintain our high standards of uniform. Visitors to the Academy and members of the community regularly comment on the good conduct and smart appearance of our students. This is due to the high standards that we expect, set and uphold. The smart appearance of students is a key factor when parents make the decision to send their child to this Academy.

In order to maintain our high standards of uniform, at times we have to enforce sanctions when a student is not wearing the correct uniform. Please see the table below to clarify what the Academy uniform should be to ensure that your child is in correct uniform.

Item	Uniform Expectation	Sanction if expectation not met (unless there are extenuating circumstances)
Blazer	Grey blazer with embroidered Academy badge*	Lunch time detention given, phone call home.
Trousers	Black trousers – Formal style only, smart plain tailored black trousers only, no jeans or jean style, denims, skinny fit or casual trouser.	Lunch time detention given, phone call home and loan item provided.
Skirts	Black straight skirt (maximum one inch above the knee, no pleats or stretchy/elasticated material).	Lunch time detention given, phone call home and loan item provided.
Shirts/ Blouses	White shirt (Non fitted).	Lunch time detention, phone call home.
Student ID Card	ID Card, Lanyard and Standards Card	Lunch time detention, replacement if required is £5.
Ties	House Tie.*	No tie: sent to student services for replacement. Repeat offenders will receive a lunch time detention and phone call home.
Jumpers	In cold weather a black, V-necked jumper with embroidered logo* may be worn under blazers. No cardigans or crew necks.	Removal of inappropriate garment. Repeat offenders will receive a lunch time detention.
Tights/Socks	Plain black tights and black socks only. Summer uniform: black socks can be worn in replacement of black tights.	Removal of inappropriate garment. Repeat offenders will receive a lunch time detention.
Hoodies	Hoodies are NOT allowed unless for sports events when only a QEGS AKOA sports hoodie can be worn.	Removal of inappropriate garment. Repeat offenders will receive a lunch time detention.
Shoes	Plain black leather type shoes. No trainers, pumps, sandals or boots.	Lunch time detention, phone call home.
Coat	A plain, warm, weatherproof outdoor coat, to be worn in addition to the school blazer not as a replacement for a blazer.	Removal of inappropriate garment. Repeat offenders will receive a lunch time detention.
Jewellery	One small single stud in each ear lobe, one wrist watch. No additional visible piercings are acceptable (ie: upper parts of ear, face, nose or mouth).	Jewellery will be confiscated until the end of the day. Repeat offenders will receive a lunch time detention.

Hair styles	No extreme hairstyles. Hair must not be cut with tramlines or patterns. Heads must not be shaved either fully or in part. Dyed hair – only full head or highlights in natural hair colours. No blocks of colour.	Students will be asked to rectify their hairstyle with immediate effect. Lunch time detention and phone call home.
Makeup	No Excessive makeup is allowed.	Students will be asked to remove the excess makeup. Repeat offenders will receive a lunch time detention.
Nail Varnish	Not allowed, natural nails only, no false nails, gels, acrylic or extensions allowed.	Sent to student services to be removed, phone call home.

Items marked * should be ordered from Trutex Meir as these items carry the Academy logo.

Where possible, we will maintain a stock of clean, nearly new, spare/loan items to enable students and families who have not met the expected uniform requirements to maintain high standards whilst they rectify their uniform.

If your child does not have the correct uniform please provide them with a note explaining the situation and an indication of when the issue will be rectified (e.g. sole fallen off shoes, buying new ones tonight). All teachers are asked to monitor uniform on a daily basis and to contact home should concerns arise.

Mobile Technology

We encourage the use of mobile technologies as an aid to teaching and learning. Feedback suggests that they can be very useful for access to the internet for research purposes, assessment for learning, and a range of other interactive activities. In lessons where mobile technology has been used, the teachers have made it explicit to the students that they can only use the device as directed. So far comments from staff and students have been very positive about their use.

Following a successful trial period, we now encourage the use of mobile devices in lessons at QEGS where staff decide it will benefit student learning. We aim to use software and applications that are freely available via the Internet and are not platform specific.

Students will be allowed to use their phones, tablets and any other similar devices to enhance learning in the classroom. There will be strict rules on the usage in lessons, with the emphasis on the individual teacher instructing when it is appropriate to use the device. It is important to make clear, therefore, that if a student does not follow instructions on usage, they will be asked to turn the device off and work without it.

Please note that there is no requirement to bring a mobile device to the academy and, as with any device, we cannot be held responsible for breakages, theft or losses. We would, therefore, advise that you investigate insuring devices against such losses or damage.

When students are not under direct instruction from a member of staff, they must keep mobile phones/electronic devices in a bag or pocket to avoid confiscation. In an emergency situation, and if directed to do so by a member of staff, students may call parents from Student Services and should not use their own mobile phone. If a phone or electronic device is seen by a member of staff, it will be confiscated and taken to Student Services for collection at 3.55pm. During each term, if students are seen using a mobile phone/electronic device without permission on more than one occasion, it will be placed in the safe at Student Services for collection by parents at their earliest convenience.

Thank you for your support in helping the Academy to maintain its very high expectations with regard to our uniform code.

Yours faithfully



Miss K Brown

Pastoral Team Leader - Behaviour