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Dear Parent/Carer

Academy Uniform and Expectations

As we start the New Year, 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 all expect, set and uphold. The smart appearance of our students continues to be a key factor when parents make the decision to send their child to this Academy.

Unfortunately, a small number of students have not been following our uniform expectations, particularly regarding jewellery, shoes and nail varnish:

- Jewellery - Students are permitted to wear one small single stud in each ear lobe. No additional visible piercings are acceptable. Any student not meeting this expectation will be asked to remove the piercing and have their uniform card signed.
- Shoes - Students should only wear black leather type shoes. Trainers, even if they are plain black, are not allowed. Students not meeting this expectation will be given a pair of loan shoes and have their uniform card signed.
- Nail varnish - Students are not permitted to wear nail varnish, false nails, gels, acrylic or extensions. Students not meeting this expectation will be asked to remove the varnish/false nails and have their uniform card signed.

If a student is not meeting the uniform expectation, it is important that this is sorted at the earliest opportunity. The table below shows how different issues are addressed. Where possible, we have a stock of clean, nearly new, spare/loan items to help students and families to meet our uniform expectations while their uniform is corrected.

If your child does not have the correct uniform please write a note for them explaining the situation and saying when it will be corrected (e.g. sole fallen off shoes, buying new ones tonight). All teachers monitor uniform on a daily basis and contact home when concerns arise.

Item	Uniform Expectation	Sanction if expectation not met (unless there are extenuating circumstances)
Blazer	Grey blazer with embroidered Academy badge*.	Lunch time detention given and 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 trousers.	Lunch time detention given, phone call home and loan item provided.
Skirts	QEGS Ashbourne checked skirt ordered from Trutex Meir. A black straight skirt (maximum three cm above the knee, no pleats or stretchy/elasticated material) remains acceptable school uniform students in Years 8-11.	Lunch time detention given, phone call home and loan item provided.
Shirts/Blouses	White shirt (formal).	Lunch time detention and phone call home.

Lanyard	Access ID Card, Standards Card.	Lunch time detention and replacement if required is £5.00.
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 garments. 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.	Repeat offenders wearing other forms of tights and socks 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 and 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 garments. 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.	Students will be asked to restore their nails to their natural state and phone call home. Repeat offenders will receive a lunch time detention.

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

Thank you for your support in helping the Academy maintain its high expectations.

Yours faithfully



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