

Uniform Policy

Students at Cathedral Academy are expected to achieve standards of excellence in all areas of the academy life including appearance; therefore it is important that a smart uniform is worn at all times. The intention is to instil pride, support positive behaviour and discipline, encourage identity with and support for the academy ethos. Another key reason for the academy uniform is to ensure students of all races and social and economic backgrounds feel welcome and protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way.

Students at the academy are expected to wear correct uniform at all times, including when entering and exiting the academy. When uniform is worn inappropriately or incorrect pieces of uniform are worn, appropriate sanctions will be put in place.

Academy Uniform

- Blazers – All students must wear a black blazer with the academy logo (or CAPA Juniors logo if following the CAPA Juniors pathway). This must be worn at all times around the academy site with sleeves rolled down.
- Shirts/Blouses - All students must wear a white cotton shirt or blouse with a buttoned collar. This can be long or short sleeved.
- Tie – Academy ties must be worn at all times.
- Jumper - The academy branded jumper is optional.
- Trousers – Trousers for both girls and boys must be straight legged, black polyester or cotton material with no coloured stitching or decoration. Skin tight trousers are not permitted.
- Skirts - All skirts must be pleated and made of cotton or polyester material. Skirts must also be of appropriate length (knee length or below). Black tights must be worn at all times.
- Shoes – Shoes for both girls and boys must be all black, flat and without any buckles/logos or decorative features.

Items made from denim, sweatshirts, hooded tops, sportswear, cardigans or jumpers other than the school uniform above are not allowed and will be confiscated if worn within the academy grounds. Clothing must not be decorated with pictures, logos, slogans or badges.

None of the above should replace the academy blazer.

Students must wear the full academy uniform to and from the academy each day, in particular when entering/exiting the school gates.

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Equipment: Students will be expected to be 'equipped to learn'. It is essential that they bring a range of stationary equipment every day. This equipment should include:

A sensible bag, a pen, pencil, ruler and planner.

Jewellery: The only items of jewellery allowed are plain wrist watches and one silver or gold ear stud worn in the lobes of the ear. All other items of jewellery including visible piercings are not allowed. Students will not be permitted to cover piercings with plasters. Piercings must be removed.

Any student wearing nail varnish will be asked to remove it with products supplied by the academy. False nails of any description are not permitted.

Students are allowed to wear subtle make-up. Sanctions are in place for students who wear unsuitable make-up to the academy. Hair must be neat and tidy with no 'extreme' styles, two-tones colours or unnatural colours. Fashion styles, including very short hair with patterns etc cut into the hair are not permitted. Hair braiding and hair fashion items such as large clips and bows are not allowed. Long hair must be tied back in practical lessons for health and safety reasons.

Physical Education Uniform (Cathedral Academy pathway only)

Year 7

- **Tops** – Cathedral Academy navy top or Cathedral Academy reversible navy long sleeved top.
- **Shorts / Tracksuit** – Plain navy shorts or plain navy tracksuit bottoms or plain navy sports leggings, NOT thin fashion leggings.
- **Socks** - Students must wear navy football socks for all PE lessons.
- **Footwear** - Appropriate sports trainers and plastic/metal studded boots. No pump style trainers are allowed (for e.g. Converse/Vans).

Years 8 – 11 *Please note the black PE kit will be phased out from September 2020. When replacing tops, the full navy kit (as above) must be purchased. From September 2021, all year groups must wear the navy kit.*

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Expectations are that students must bring their PE kit to ALL PE lessons. This is to ensure that all students are engaged in lessons regardless of the amount of physical contribution they can make and if this is limited, they will be involved in the lesson in other aspects such as coaching, officiating or choreography. Wearing PE kit will prevent their academy uniform from getting dirty and allow every student to play a full part in PE lessons. Sanctions are in place for students when they fail to

bring their PE kit to lessons and further sanctions if they refuse to borrow spare kit. If pupils are injured, a note must be produced that is signed by parent/guardian and kit must still be worn. It is also advisable to write names in all items of students kit to ensure it does not get lost as PE kit will be students responsibility.

Practical Kit (CAPA Juniors Pathway Only)

The equipment list below is required for all practical lessons:

- CAPA Juniors t-shirt and/or hoody
- Black shorts, tracksuit bottoms, leggings or leotard and tights
- Bare feet for most dance lessons. Trainers occasionally for dance as directed by the teacher.
- No jewellery
- Long hair tied up
- Bottled water

Equipment for ballet lessons is as follows:

- Girls: Black leotard, pink ballet tights, pink split sole ballet shoes. A black ballet skirt may also be worn (optional).
- Boys: Black unitard, white socks, black split sole ballet shoes. Black shorts may also be worn (optional).

Where correct kit is not available, please send your child in an alternative Practical Kit (preferably plain dark colours) and a note explaining the situation. Students who fail to bring kit will receive an 'equipment mark' and will be expected to borrow kit for that lesson. Refusal to borrow kit will result in a detention. Students will always have a role in lessons even if they do not have kit and will be expected to take part in some way. If a student is ill or injured a note must be provided by the parent/carer. Students will still be expected to bring and change into kit and will be given meaningful learning tasks which will not impact upon their injury or medical condition.