



Grace Academy

Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction

We take great pride in our building, our students and our staff. We also place great emphasis on standards – standards of learning, conduct and behaviour. In line with our Business and Enterprise focus we operate a compulsory school uniform policy. All students in years 7 to 11 will wear the full Academy uniform at all times. Students not in the full uniform will not be admitted.

Our business style Academy uniform fulfils three important functions:

- It gives the Academy a clear identity.
- It represents a simple but effective statement of our pride and sense of community.
- It also avoids any competition or stigma between individuals that can occur too easily because of designer clothes and fashion trends.

2. Boys Uniform – Years 7 to 11

Blazers:	Black Grace Academy Blazer
Shirt:	Plain white cotton shirt with a top button which should be fastened at ALL Times (no polo-shirts).
Ties:	Purple Grace Academy tie with GA logo on display below the knot.*
Pullovers:	Plain black V-neck – optional (no sweatshirts, no hooded tops, no cardigans, no tank tops).
Trousers:	Plain black (no denim/fashion trousers).
Socks:	Plain black.
Shoes:	Plain black shoes (no trainers/pumps/canvas shoes/boots/sports brands).
Coats:	Winter coats/anoraks – optional. Plain in colour (no denim, hooded tops, tracksuit style tops or fashion jackets). No gloves/scarves to be worn inside the Academy.
PE Kit:	Grace Academy Rugby shirt Grace Academy Polo shirt Black Rugby/Football shorts Black Rugby/Football socks Plain Black PE shorts White ankle socks Non-marking sports shoes Shin pads (optional) Swimming trunks (if applicable) Towel (if applicable)

NB: Students not participating in a PE lesson are expected to bring kit so they can assist in the lesson. It is recommended that all items are to be clearly marked with the student's name.

*Prefect purple and gold stripe, awarded by the Academy, should be worn instead of the plain purple tie when prefect status is given.

3. Girls Uniform – Years 7-11

Blazers:	Black Grace Academy Blazer
Shirt:	Plain white cotton shirts with a top button that fastens (no polo-shirts or fashion blouses).
Ties:	Purple Grace Academy tie with GA logo on display below the knot.*
Pullovers:	Plain black V-neck – optional (no sweatshirts, no hooded tops, no cardigans, no tank tops).
Skirts:	Plain black pleated/non-pleated of knee length. No fashion skirts.
<i>or</i>	
Trousers:	Plain black (no denim/fashion trousers). No belts.
Shoes:	Plain black shoes (no trainers/pumps/canvas shoes/boots/sports brands/stilettos).
Socks:	Plain black.
<i>or</i>	
Tights:	Black tights. No patterned or sheer tights.
Coats:	Winter coats/anoraks – optional. Plain in colour (no denim, hooded tops, tracksuit style tops or fashion jackets). No gloves/scarves to be worn inside the Academy.
PE Kit:	Grace Academy Rugby shirt Grace Academy Polo shirt Non-marking sports shoes Plain white ankle socks Black cycling shorts/black shorts Black sports skirt Swimming costume (if applicable) Towel (if applicable)

NB: Students not participating in a PE lesson are expected to bring kit so they can assist in the lesson. It is recommended that all items are to be clearly marked with the student's name.

*Prefect purple and gold stripe, awarded by the Academy, should be worn instead of the plain purple tie when prefect status is given.

Optional - headscarves

Black school approved headscarf conforming to the requirements below:

1. The fabric should be lightweight and plain black.
2. The headscarf must be folded under the chin, taken round to the back of the neck and the ends tucked in. This conforms to the health and safety and school requirements.
3. The headscarf must be worn so that the collar and tie can be seen clearly. The reason for wearing the headscarf is to preserve modesty. Therefore it should not be worn with headbands, brooches, shadow stripes, patterns, logos, embellishments, diamantes, tassels or other colours.

A photographic example of the above criteria for headscarves is available upon request.

4. Post 16 Students

Students attending our sixth form will not be expected to wear the academy uniform however they will be expected to attend in business dress. The academy reserves the right to send home students who are not conforming to the standard of dress required by the academy.

5. Additional Uniform Information

Jewellery:

- No rings
- No bracelets
- No necklaces
- One small plain, gold or silver single stud allowed in each ear lobe. No piercings allowed anywhere else on the ear
- No additional piercings anywhere on face or body including tongue
- No make-up, nail varnish or acrylic nails
- No fashion belts
- No hair accessories including bows and clips except for a plain hair band which is white or black
- Hair must be a natural single colour, no extreme styles, spikes, patterns or shaved areas. No shaved eyebrows
- No chewing gum
- School bag to be used at all times. No handbags

All students must have:

- A School Bag
- A Student Planner
- A Pens & Pencils
- A Rubber
- A Ruler
- A Locker key (may be optional at some Academies)

It is recommended that students have:

- Coloured Pencils
- A Pencil Sharpener
- A Pencil Case
- A Calculator

Student must not have:

- Mobile Phones (unless agreed by the Principal in regard to Teaching and Learning)
- Electronic Games
- Ear Phones
- Walkman/Personal Stereo/MP3 player/iPod etc.

If found ALL will be confiscated.