

Expectations and Guidance for Non-uniform

It is particularly important that any student dress whilst attending the Academy recognises that the school is still a working environment, and further that student dress does not give the wrong impression or cause embarrassment to staff, students and other members of the school community.

The following outlines our expectations that are to be met when students are not in school uniform:

- Non-uniform clothing is to be appropriate to the learning atmosphere.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses, if worn, must fit closer to the knee than the hip.
- Leggings, if worn, must not become see-through when stretched and should ideally be worn with a dress or other top, of at least mid-thigh length.
- Expectations regarding jewellery and piercings remains the same as normal Academy uniform expectations.
- All usual lesson equipment and/or kit should be brought to school.
- Make up, including nail varnish, is discouraged; if worn, then it must be of a very discrete nature.
- If students (including male) wear t-shirts, they should cover shoulders, chest and upper arms.

The following items should **not be worn**:

- See-through clothing, for example see-through blouses.
- Strapless or 'string-strapped' tops.
- Clothing and tops which are revealing; for example, exposing bare midriffs, chests.
- Clothing with offensive logos.
- Culturally offensive outfits or costumes.
- Any clothing with excessive rips above the knee.
- Muscle vests.
- Flip flops or backless shoes.
- Acrylic nails should not be worn at any time.

It is recognised that the guidance above will not cover all issues that may arise, but we trust our students to make appropriate decisions about what to wear to school. On the rare occasion that a student may decide to wear items which have not been covered by the above bullet points, but are against the intention of this guidance, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will use their professional judgement to make a decision about the appropriateness of the outfit.

Should a student not be appropriately dressed, they will either be sent home to change (with permission from a parent/carer), loaned suitable clothing or isolated until appropriate attire is brought in to school by a parent/carer.

We reserve the right to challenge students on their dress and expect full cooperation from parents and carers if we deem that a student is not dressed appropriately for an educational environment.