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**Parents and Carers
of TQEA students**



**The Queen Elizabeth
Academy**

“We Can and We Will”

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the summer break I know that you will be looking to purchase uniform items in preparation for your son/daughters' return to the academy in September.

Research shows that high expectations in uniform encourage students to take pride in themselves and are not subject to peer pressure. Crucially, it is proven to improve behaviour, develop aspiration, build confidence and raise academic achievement.

It is important to us that parents and students are clear now, before September, that the TQEA uniform is a requirement and that all students must meet these standards at all times. All students without exception must adhere to the policy in every respect. Please be aware that variations on any aspects of it will not be acceptable and uniform checks will be conducted from when students arrive at the academy in the morning and throughout the academy day.

Our behaviour policy is clear that students in incorrect uniform will receive a sanction in line with that policy. To avoid such a position please support us by sending your child to school each morning meeting these requirements fully, to ensure that they are ready for a great day of learning. This also enables teaching staff to focus on delivering an excellent education for your child rather than having to speak to pupils about uniform infringements.

In particular, please note that **only** the ticked footwear is acceptable in the academy and please be clear on the requirements around acceptable trousers/skirts and piercings/jewellery. Full details can be found on our website <https://tqea.attrust.org.uk/parents/uniform-equipment/>.

Together, we want the very best for your child, as you do. As part of our parent partnership, we appreciate your attention and valuable support in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Mr Neil Harding
Principal
The Queen Elizabeth Academy

TQEA Uniform Expectations

Our uniform demonstrates **pride** in the Academy and the community. The TQEA uniform is a requirement and it is essential that all students meet these standards at all times.

All students, without exception, must adhere to this uniform policy in every respect. Please be aware that variations on any aspects of it will not be acceptable and uniform checks will be conducted from when you arrive at the academy in the morning and throughout the academy day. Behaviour Steps will be put in place for uniform infringements.

All Students:

- School Blazer to be worn at all times unless directed by a member of staff.
- School tie should be worn at all times, appropriately attached to the top button of the shirt.
- Plain white long sleeve shirt (tucked in and fully buttoned at all times).
- **Black or grey** full ankle socks (not trainer/sports sock style), or black tights (not footless and no leggings).
- Plain all black sturdy leather, or leather look, school shoes (**No logos and no trainers of any type**). No mesh, material, canvas or coloured trim or soles. Shoes should be sturdy and appropriate for all weathers. Black laces only.
- Plain, full length (no gap between trouser and socks) black trousers. (No jeans, jeggings, corduroy, combat, chinos, Lycra, denim trousers, leggings or tracksuit bottoms). Girls may choose instead a plain black skirt that is smart and professional and loose fitting (no stretch material, Lycra or body-con styles). Inappropriate skirt lengths will be challenged and will need to be addressed immediately.
- Optional school jumper (navy with red stripe purchased only via the TQEA uniform online shop) available Autumn 2020. When students get warm the jumper should be removed and the blazer kept on.
- A waterproof coat for winter use is strongly recommended. **No hoodies to be worn on school site.**
- Every student must come to school with a **bag** and their **equipment**.

PE Kit:

- Shorts with TQEA logo. Girls may choose TQEA logo skirt.
- Navy blue sports polo with TQEA logo (fitted option for girls if desired).
- Plain navy blue football socks.
- Plain navy blue tracksuit bottoms with no logos.
- Fleece lined outdoor ¼ zip TQEA top.
- Trainers (Not fashion or canvas).

Recommended additional layers for outside PE lessons: - (these items are non TQEA branded and can be purchased at a wide range of local shops/supermarkets).

- Base layers (long sleeved) plain navy blue or black tops to go underneath the PE t-shirt
- Black or navy leggings, or running leggings
- Gloves for sports not including throwing and catching
- Waterproof raincoats either navy, blue, black or plain dark colours (not fashion coats which are not waterproof).

Hair

Hair should be one natural colour with no patterns or shapes cut into it. No shaved / No1 heads either all over or part. We find that hair colours / cuts that do not conform to our requirements distract from learning.

General

- **No** excessively wide or coloured belts
- Undergarments should be an appropriate colour to protect modesty e.g. neutral or white vests, bras etc.
- **No** facial / cartilage / body piercing to be worn for school. (Refer to Uniform Policy – have piercings of this nature done in Summer holiday to allow for healing).
- **One** single pair of stud earrings / **one discreet** ring / **one small discreet** necklace, bracelet and watch.
- All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.
- Chewing gum, canned or energy drinks are not allowed in school.
- Boys to be clean shaven at all times.
- **No** nail varnish or excessive and impractical length nails. **No** acrylic nails are permitted.
- Discrete small amount of make up in years 9-11 only. **No** false eye lashes.
- No headwear, hats or caps to be worn on school site.

All parents should ensure the Academy Uniform Policy is followed fully by their child.



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