

1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

## Parents and Carers of TQEA Students

Dear Parents and Carers

### Uniform for September 2021

I would like to thank you for supporting the academy in promoting the high standards of uniform and expectations that we have at The Queen Elizabeth Academy. Academy uniform promotes a strong attitude to learning, enhances a sense of identity and community ethos. Uniform also helps members of the wider community to form a positive impression of the academy and the students who attend.

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. The following information summarises our uniform for September 2021 which remains the same as this academic year, with one exception regarding skirts.

#### Skirts

From September 2021, any skirt worn must be a **plain black, pleated** skirt which comes to just above the knee. which can be purchased from our school uniform supplier ([Queen Elizabeth Academy \(yourschoolwear.co.uk\)](http://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk)) from £14. If you would prefer to use a local supermarket or retail outlet, it is essential that the skirt is pleated and of the length supplied by YourSchoolWear. Any other style or length of skirt will not be allowed.



#### Trousers

This aspect of our uniform will remain the same. It is essential that all trousers are full length and of a formal style with no skinny styles, stretch fabrics, jeans, chinos or leggings. We are aware that many suppliers, such as local supermarkets and retail outlets, will try to sell you inappropriate styles by stocking them in their 'uniform' section. Please be mindful of this when making your selection.

#### Shoes

Students should be wearing plain all black, sturdy leather, or leather like, formal shoes. Trainers, pumps or shoes with logos or other design features are not allowed. Shoes should be sturdy and appropriate for all weathers.



No Nike Air Force One trainers will be allowed in school, even with a medical note. Suitable alternatives should be arranged and agreed with the academy.

## Jumpers

An optional academy jumper (navy with red stripe purchased via the TQEA uniform online shop) is available and should be worn underneath the blazer. Round necks, logos, sweatshirts, zip up tops or hoodies will not be allowed.

## Blazers, shirts, socks and tights

There is no change to these aspects of our uniform policy. Blazers can be purchased from our online supplier. Shirts should be white, long-sleeved and with a formal collar. Socks should be plain black **full ankle** socks and tights should be plain black.

[There will be a pop-up uniform shop at TQEA on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July between 12pm and 2pm for any families wanting to try on sizes or purchase items.](#)

## Jewellery, hairstyles, nail varnish and make up

There is no change to these aspects of our uniform policy.

- Students are permitted to wear one pair of small stud earrings which are to be removed during PE lessons.
- Students are not allowed to wear any facial or body piercings, including the tongue or nose. **A discreet clear retainer or spacer may be worn**; these must be removed for PE lessons.
- Students may wear a wristwatch, **one discreet ring**, **one discreet necklace** tucked under the shirt. If students do not follow our policy, jewellery will be confiscated until the end of the day. If this is repeated an adult will be required to collect any confiscated items.
- In **Years 9 -11 only** a small amount of discreet make up is permissible. Your child may be asked to remove make-up that is considered unacceptable.
- Coloured nail varnish and acrylic or gel nails are not allowed. Any applied over the summer holidays must be removed by the time we return to the academy in September.
- Hair colour should be natural with no extreme colours or styles including shaved designs.

When returning to the academy in September, the expectation is that all students should adhere to this uniform policy in every respect. We must remind you that students who do not follow the uniform policy will be asked to address the issue and behaviour steps will be put in place for any continued uniform infringements. This process helps to prepare students for life beyond school and the expectations and boundaries we are all expected to adhere to in our working lives.

We really appreciate your support in maintaining the expectations we have set at the academy and look forward to your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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