

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 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. Academic research shows that high expectations in uniform encourages students to take pride in themselves and that they are not subjected to peer pressure. Crucially, it is proven to improve behaviour, develop aspiration, build confidence and raise academic achievement.

Any variations on any aspects of our uniform will not be acceptable and uniform checks will be conducted throughout the academy day. Behaviour Steps will be put in place for uniform infringements, and the Principal's decision with regards to uniform is final.

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.

The TQEA uniform considers of the following items:

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-sleeved shirt (tucked in and fully buttoned at all times). A short-sleeved shirt is permitted at the discretion of the Principal in periods of hot weather. Parents will be informed when this is acceptable.
- **Black** full ankle socks (not trainer/sports sock style), or black tights (not footless and no leggings). Students may wish to wear black knee socks, but these must be appropriate for school and come below the knee.
- Plain all black leather, or leather like, formal school shoes with black laces. Trainers, pumps or shoes with logos or other design features are not allowed. There should be no mesh, material, canvas or coloured trim or soles. A Velcro shoe is permitted, but it **must** be a sturdy leather shoe. No pumps will be 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. A suitable alternative should be arranged and agreed with the academy.
- All trousers should be 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, will try to sell you inappropriate styles by stocking them in their 'uniform' section. Please be mindful of this when making your selection.
- Students may choose to wear instead a plain, black **pleated** skirt that comes to just above the knee. No other skirt will be allowed. Inappropriate skirt lengths will be challenged and will need to be addressed immediately.
- An optional school jumper, navy with red stripe, is available and purchased only via the uniform online shop. 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, zip-up tops or denim jackets are to be worn on the academy site. **No hoodies, zip-up tops or denim jackets are to be worn on school site.**
- Every student must come to school with a full-sized **bag** that is large enough to fit all of their exercise books in and their **equipment**. The expectation is that every student has a pencil case for their equipment.

Medical exemptions for not wearing any part of the academy uniform **MUST** be with a time-limited medical letter and alternatives must be agreed with the Pastoral Team.

PE Kit:

- Shorts with TQEA logo. Students may choose TQEA logo skort.
- Navy blue sports polo with TQEA logo (a fitted option is available 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 all 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 (but still bring them for warm ups, coaching time etc.
- Plain woolly hats (with no dangling strings or adornments))
- 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 / No. 1 haircuts either all over or partly.

General

- **No** excessively wide or coloured belts. Belts should be plain and black with a discreet buckle.
- Students are permitted to wear one pair of small stud earrings which are to be removed during PE lessons. No cartilage piercings are allowed.
- Students are not allowed to have any facial or body piercing, including the tongue or nose. A discreet clear retainer may be worn for other piercings.
- Students may wear a wristwatch, **one** discreet ring and **one** discreet necklace tucked under the shirt.
- All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

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.

- Chewing gum, canned drinks and fizzy or energy drinks are not allowed in school.
- Coloured nail varnish and acrylic or gel nails are **not** allowed. Any applied over a weekend or holiday period must be removed by the time we return to the academy.
- A small amount of discreet make up in Years 9-11 only is permissible. **No** false eyelashes are permitted. Your child may be asked to remove make-up that is considered unacceptable.
- No headwear, hats or caps to be worn on school site.

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