

ACADEMY UNIFORM POLICY YEARS 7-11

Chelsea Academy is a vibrant and inclusive Christian community; all of our students become a full part of this community when they join the Academy. The most obvious way in which our students show that they are part of this community is by wearing the Chelsea Academy uniform.

When wearing our uniform the students represent our Academy community. How they present themselves at the Academy and to the local community gives a very clear message about themselves and about the Academy. It is for this reason that we expect the highest standards of dress at all times. Our students must be in full and correct Academy uniform from when they leave home to travel to the Academy in the morning, until they return home from the Academy in the afternoon. We want our students to be proud to be part of the Chelsea Academy community and to wear their uniform with pride. This will only reflect positively on them and on the Academy.

Our uniform suppliers are School Uniform Direct, a well-known and experienced school uniform company, chosen after a rigorous tender exercise for the quality and price of garments, as well as the level of service they were able to offer.

GIRLS' UNIFORM

The girls' uniform is a black **pleated** skirt (of an appropriate length) or black, **loose-fitting tailored** trousers (not tight or skinny styles), a white shirt and Academy tie together with the black Academy blazer. Academy jumpers are optional and are available in either blackberry or grey – girls may choose either colour. Tights or socks **must** be worn and must be plain black (no patterns). Knee length socks are not appropriate. Headscarves may be worn for religious reasons only, and must be plain black (or white in summer if preferred) with no pattern or adornments; niqabs, veils or other face coverings are not permitted.

BOYS' UNIFORM

The boys' uniform is black **tailored** trousers, a white shirt and Academy tie with the black Academy blazer. Academy jumpers are optional and are available in either blackberry or grey – boys may choose either colour. Socks **must** be plain black (no patterns).

PE KIT

A wide range of co-ordinating sports kit is available in black and blackberry including shorts, skorts for girls, a polo shirt, a warmer long sleeved reversible sports top and tracksuit bottoms. Plain black PE socks may be purchased from any suppliers. PE trainers should be low cut and with non-marking soles. Branded sportswear is not permitted. For PE kit students must have a **plain black bag**.

OPTIONAL JACKET / WINTER WEAR

We have selected an optional waterproof jacket, suitable to wear over the Academy blazer or for travelling to sports venues. There is a scarf available, in Academy colours but without the logo, for the winter. Please note that hats, gloves, scarves and winter coats that are purchased from other suppliers **must** be plain black.

SHOES

Shoes must be plain black, laces and stitching included, with closed toes. They should be made of leather or a similar material - trainers, any kind of canvas shoes or plimsolls are not permitted. **Trainers may only be worn during PE or games activities, or when the Head of Year has agreed their use for special medical reasons.** Short ankle boots may be worn but these must be leather look and smart (not UGG boots or boots with a heel). Shoe soles may not exceed 1 cm and girls' heel height may not exceed 5 cm when measured at the back of the heel. Due to slippery surfaces and the particular danger of accidents in

practical rooms and laboratories, sandals, stiletto heels and open-front or sling-back style shoes are not permitted.

SCHOOL BAGS

All students **must** have an Academy rucksack or bag, purchased from School Uniform Direct. **No other bags will be accepted and will be confiscated.** This is so that all Academy books and students' work can be carried around safely and appropriately. Students will be held responsible for the good order and care of books and will be required to replace any books lost or damaged.

JEWELLERY

Jewellery may not be worn, apart from a wristwatch, which should be removed for PE lessons. If ears are pierced then only one small plain gold or silver stud may be worn in each ear lobe. Earrings should be removed for PE or covered with tape.

NAIL VARNISH AND MAKE-UP

Nail varnish and obvious make-up must not be worn; students will be asked to remove these. Nail art, false nails and false eyelashes are not permitted.

HAIR STYLES

Hair should be kept neat and tidy at all times. Extremes of hairstyle are not acceptable. Excessively short or long hair is not permitted. The lowest haircut permissible is a 'Grade One' cut and we do not accept a fully shaved scalp. Designs or patterns should not be cut into the hair (or eyebrow), nor should steps or ridges. Obviously dyed / coloured hair is not permitted. Adornments to hair styles are not allowed e.g. beads or coloured braids. Facial hair for boys is not considered suitable, unless for religious reasons.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is located at Student Services and will be retained until the end of each term and then disposed of if unclaimed. **Please make sure that all uniform items are clearly marked** so that we can help reunite students with the misplaced property.

Any failure to meet these uniform requirements could result in your child being withdrawn from lessons.

The Academy reserves the right to make the final decision with regard to uniform issues.