

July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

### Uniform reminders for September

The academy has clear uniform expectations, which can be consulted on the OPA website. In light of the pandemic and the financial strain it placed on local families, we made the decision to show more leniency during the past academic year when addressing some of the uniform breaches, in particular those associated with shoe wear, school equipment and PE kit. However, from September, we expect all students to **fully adhere** to the uniform policy and wear the correct uniform every day.

Our uniform supplier is Snappy School wear <https://www.snappyschoolwear.com/Store.php>. Snappy Schoolwear will be having pop up shops at the Academy on 26th July 10am to 3pm, 16th August 10am to 3pm and there will also be a click and collect on August 31st from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Please make a note that the OPA standard uniform is as follows:

Girls	Boys
<b>School skirt:</b> Smart, formal, mid-Grey, knee-length Skirt. <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Tube and stretchy skirts are not allowed. If a school skirt is not purchased, girls must wear mid-grey tailored, business-style trousers	<b>School trousers:</b> Mid-Grey Trousers, business-style trousers, full length; <b>NOT</b> denim, brushed cotton, stretch material, chinos or 'jeans style'
Navy Blue Blazer with OPA logo. All students must be wearing their blazers when walking through the gates in the morning and when walking around the academy site. Please make sure your child wears their blazer to school	Navy Blue Blazer with OPA logo. All students must be wearing their blazers when walking through the gates in the morning and when walking around the academy site. Please make sure your child wears their blazer to school
White Shirt and OPA Tie	White Shirt and OPA Tie
Academy Jumper with logo <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> no other jumpers/cardigans permitted	Academy Jumper with logo <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> no other jumpers/cardigans permitted
Plain Neutral or Plain Black tights, or white socks ( <b>NOT</b> socks and tights together)	Black or white socks
Coats must be plain black, conventional in design and without motif or writing <b>Leather, suede and denim jackets or brushed cotton hoodies are NOT acceptable</b>	Coats must be plain black, conventional in design and without motif or writing <b>Leather, suede and denim jackets or brushed cotton hoodies are NOT acceptable</b>
Plain black smart shoes with very low, wide heels ( <b>NOT</b> trainers or plimsolls). Laced shoes must have black laces.	Plain smart black shoes, <b>NOT</b> trainers or plimsolls. Laced shoes must have black laces.
PE - Girls	PE - Boys
OPA PE shorts/leggings/Training pants OPA Polo Shirt OPA PE Quarter zip Suitable Trainers	OPA PE shorts/Training pants OPA Polo Shirt OPA PE Quarter zip Suitable Trainers
Equipment	
Students are expected to have the following everyday: Suitable school bag Pencil case	

2 black pens  
A green pen  
An eraser  
A sharpener  
A ruler  
A scientific calculator

- **Hairstyles** - Only natural hair colour and tones are allowed. If you are thinking about changing the colour of your hair, speak to a member of the Pastoral Team first to check that it is within the Academy's expectations. Extreme styles and colours are not acceptable, including shaved or patterned styles.
- **Jewellery** - One watch and one pair of small, plain ear studs may be worn. NO other body piercing is permitted.
- **False Nails** - Gel or acrylic nails are not permitted. We accept clear nail varnish.
- **Make-Up** – Discreet/non-visible make-up is allowed, which means we should not easily see the student is wearing make-up. Any students wearing make-up that is obvious will have to remove it using face wipes. False eye-lashes are not permitted and these will need to be removed.
- **Hair bands/Ribbons** – must be plain black or plain white. Bandanas are not allowed

### **Enforcement of the uniform policy**

- Daily uniforms will be checked at the gates and line ups.
- No student will be permitted to engage in learning with the rest of the school community unless in full school uniform.
- Any non-uniform item of clothing (such as hoodies) or jewellery will be confiscated if seen on the academy site. Students will be able to collect the item at the end of the school day. Students who persistently breach the uniform code will be issued with an after school detention.

If your child has outgrown their uniform, please donate it to the school to support another family in the community.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Kind regards,



Ms Gakungu  
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