

Grace Academy Coventry

Uniform Policy

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Introduction

We take great pride in our building, our students and our staff. We also place great emphasis on standards of learning, conduct and behaviour. In line with our Business and Enterprise focus, we operate a compulsory school uniform policy. All students in years 7 to 11 will wear the full Academy uniform at all times.

The Trust will consider the individual facts of each request to depart from any aspect of the policy for religious or medical reasons, taking into account all relevant circumstances.

Our business style Academy uniform fulfils three important functions:

- It gives the Academy a clear identity.
- It is an effective statement of our pride and sense of community.
- It avoids any competition or stigma between individuals that can occur because of designer or fashion garments.

Students not in the full uniform will be sanctioned accordingly.

Sanctions may include:

- confiscation of banned items of uniform, for example jumpers, hooded tops or jewellery
- isolation, pending correct uniform being worn by an individual
- refusal to be admitted on to site pending correct uniform being worn by an individual

All branded uniform items can be purchased from Cat Ballou Original Ltd, 1-3 The Burges, Coventry, CV1 1HN or Clive Mark Schoolwear, 88-90 Barker Butts Lane, Coventry, CV6 1DY or online at <https://coventryschoolwear.com> . If you have any issues with purchasing uniform items then please contact your child's Head of Year for further support or guidance.

Uniform – Years 7 to 11

Do wear	Don't wear
Compulsory items (all year round)	
Black Grace Academy Blazer with Academy logo, with appropriate coloured year group flash (provided by the Academy).	
Plain white cotton shirt with a top button which should be fastened at <u>ALL</u> times.	Polo-shirts or fashion blouses. Jumpers of any style or colour
Purple Grace Academy tie with GA logo on display below the knot.* <i>*Prefect purple and gold stripe, awarded by the Academy, should be worn instead of the plain purple tie if/when prefect status is given.</i>	
Tailored black, full-length trousers in a cotton and/or polyester material, with a zip or button fastening, which hang below the ankle. Or Plain black pleated skirt <u>of knee length</u> which hangs loose from the waist.	Trousers made of other materials such as a jersey material, nylon, or denim. Trousers with additional decoration such as piping. Trousers which are flared, wide fit, or skinny fit, or of a yoga pant/legging style. (see Appendix 1) Non-pleated, tight or fashion skirts, pencil skirts. (see Appendix 1)
Plain black socks, fully covering the foot and ankle to be worn with trousers. Or Black tights to be worn with a skirt.	Ankle socks or socks with patterns Socks worn with tights Patterned or sheer tights.
Plain black leather or leather-look shoes.	Trainers, pumps, crocs, canvas shoes, boots, sports brands or stilettos.

Do wear	Don't wear
Optional items	
Winter coats/anoraks which are one single plain colour.	Denim or leather jackets/coats, hooded tops, tracksuit tops or fashion jackets, coats with logos. <i>(No coats, gloves/scarves/hats to be worn when inside the Academy)</i>
Plain black belt with a discrete buckle.	Patterned, large-buckled or fashion belts
Black school-approved headscarf conforming to the requirements below: - The fabric should be lightweight and plain black. - The headscarf must be folded under the chin, taken round to the back of the neck and the ends tucked in. This conforms to health and safety and school requirements. - The headscarf must be worn so that the collar and tie can be seen clearly. The reason for wearing the headscarf is to preserve modesty. A photographic example of the above criteria for headscarves is available upon request.	Headscarves with headbands, brooches, shadow stripes, patterns, logos, embellishments, diamantes, tassels or colours other than black.
Plain hair band (white or black only)	Hair accessories, including bows and clips.
Hair colouring and braids of a natural colour.	Colours other than natural colours, extreme hair styles, spikes, patterns or shaved areas. Shaved eyebrows.
One small plain, gold or silver single stud allowed in each ear lobe. Mechanical or digital watch.	Additional piercings anywhere else on the face or body, including tongue. No smart watches.

PE kit <i>(Students not participating in a PE lesson are expected to bring kit so they can assist in the lesson).</i> It is recommended that all items are clearly marked with the student's name.	
Compulsory items	
Grace Academy Polo shirt, Plain Black PE shorts, plain black cycling shorts or a plain black sports skirt. Suitable trainers.	
Optional items	
Shin pads. Black 1/4 zip jacket with logo. Black shorts with logo. Sports polo with logo. Black games socks. Performance joggers or leggings (both with logos).	

Post 16 Students

Students attending our Sixth Form will not be expected to wear the Academy uniform, however they will be expected to attend in business dress as described below. The Academy reserves the right to send students home who are not conforming to the standard of dress required by the Academy.

Sixth Form Dress Code

- Smart blouse/top that covers shoulders (t-shirts are not permitted)
- Smart shirt with a stiff collar or polo shirt (ties are optional and t-shirts are not permitted)
- Dresses or skirts (skirts or dresses should be on or below the knee)
- Smart tailored trousers
- Smart jumper or cardigan (optional)
- Smart jacket or blazer (optional)
- Smart shoes or boots
- Religious attire is permitted
- Hoodies/Hats/winter scarfs must be removed whilst in school

- Make up should be natural and kept to a minimum
- A well-groomed look is required
- Hairstyles must be neat - no extreme styles/colours are allowed
- Shavings/markings cut into hair or eyebrows are not permitted
- Facial piercings of any description are not permitted and students will be asked to remove them or they will be sent home
- Jewellery needs to be discreet

- Shorts, jeans, joggers, leather or denim jackets, fashion flares or leggings ARE NOT PERMITTED

Additional Uniform Information

- No jewellery (apart from one stud in each ear and a mechanical or digital watch)
- No bracelets
- No necklaces
- No rings
- No excessive make-up, false eye-lashes, nail varnish, or acrylic nails
- No coloured pimple patches
- Hair and braids must be a natural colour, no extreme styles, spikes, patterns, tramlines or shaved areas.
- No shaved eyebrows
- No Hoodies/Leather/Denim Jackets

- No chewing gum

Students must have “The Grace 5” at all times:

- A Student Planner
- A Water Bottle
- A Pencil Case
- A Reading Book
- A School Bag

Students are recommended to have:

- A Calculator
- Coloured Pencils

Student must not have:

- Mobile Phones unless locked away at the start of the day
- Smart watches unless locked away at the start of the day
- Electronic Games
- Ear Phones/Headphones
- Musical or recording devices, e.g. Camera, Walkman/Personal Stereo/MP3 player/iPod etc.

If seen, ALL will be confiscated.

Appendix

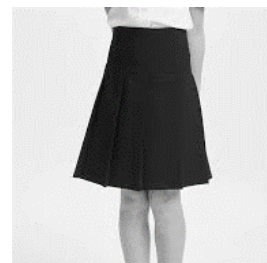
✓ Acceptable examples of plain black shoes and Trousers/Skirt:



Plain Black School Shoes



Tailored school trousers



Pleated and to the knee or below

✗ Not Acceptable Shoes and Trousers/Skirts



No Buckles, bows or any other embellishment. Trainers are not acceptable in any form.

No tight trousers or Leggings

No tight, above-the-knee or non-pleated skirts