

# 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 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 then please contact your son/daughters Head of Year for further support or guidance.

Uniform – Years 7 to 11

Do wear	Don't wear
<b>Compulsory items (all year round)</b>	
<p>Black Grace Academy Blazer, with appropriate coloured year group flash* and Academy logo.</p> <p>*(to be phased in per year group from September 2022 with Year 7)</p>	
<p>Plain white cotton shirt with a top button which should be fastened at <u>ALL</u> times.</p>	<p>Polo-shirts or fashion blouses. Jumpers of any style or colour</p>
<p>Purple Grace Academy tie with GA logo on display below the knot.*</p> <p><i>*Perfect purple and gold stripe, awarded by the Academy, should be worn instead of the plain purple tie if/when perfect status is given.</i></p>	
<p>Black, full-length trousers which hang below the ankle.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Or</b></p> <p>Plain black pleated skirt <u>of knee length</u> which hang loose from the waist.</p>	<p>Denim or “fashion-style” trousers. (see appendix 1)</p> <p>Non-pleated, tight or fashion skirts, pencil skirts. (see appendix 1)</p>
<p>Plain black socks, fully covering the foot and ankle <b>to be worn with trousers</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Or</b></p> <p>Black tights.</p>	<p>Ankle socks or socks with patterns Socks worn with tights</p> <p>Patterned or sheer tights.</p>
<p>Plain black leather shoes</p>	<p>Trainers, pumps, canvas shoes, boots, sports brands or stilettos.</p>

Do wear	Don't wear
<b>Optional items</b>	
<p>Winter coats/anoraks which are one single plain colour and do not display a logo</p>	<p>Denim jackets/coats, hooded tops, tracksuit tops or fashion jackets, coats with logos.</p> <p><i>(No coats, gloves/scarves/hats to be worn when inside the Academy)</i></p>
<p>Plain black belt with a discrete buckle</p>	<p>Patterned, large-buckled or fashion belts</p>
<p>Black school-approved headscarf conforming to the requirements below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The fabric should be lightweight and plain black.</li> <li>- The headscarf must be folded under the chin, taken round to the back of the neck and the ends tucked in. This conforms to the health and safety and school requirements.</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul> <p>A photographic example of the above criteria for headscarves is available upon request.</p>	<p>Headscarves with headbands, brooches, shadow stripes, patterns, logos, embellishments, diamantes, tassels or colours other than black.</p>
<p>Plain hair band (white or black only)</p>	<p>Hair accessories, including bows and clip</p>
<p>Hair colouring and braids of a natural colour.</p>	<p>Colours other than natural colours, extreme hair styles, spikes, patterns or shaved areas.</p> <p>Shaved eyebrows.</p>

Do wear	Don't wear
<p>One small plain, gold or silver single stud allowed in each ear lobe.</p> <p>Mechanical watch.</p>	<p>Additional piercings anywhere else on the face or body, including tongue.</p> <p>No smart watches.</p>

<p align="center"><b>PE kit</b></p> <p align="center"><i>(Students not participating in a PE lesson are expected to bring kit so they can assist in the lesson).</i></p> <p align="center"><b>It is recommended that all items are clearly marked with the student's name.</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Compulsory items</b></p>	
<p>Grace Academy Rugby shirt</p> <p>Grace Academy Polo shirt</p> <p>Black Rugby/Football shorts</p> <p>Black Rugby/Football socks</p> <p>Plain Black PE shorts, plain black cycling shorts or plain black sports skirt</p> <p>White ankle socks</p> <p>Non-marking sports shoes</p> <p>Towel (if applicable)</p>	
<p align="center"><b>Optional items</b></p>	
<p>Shin pads</p> <p>Grace Academy PE kit</p>	

## 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 home students who are not conforming to the standard of dress required by the Academy.

Do wear	Don't wear
<p>Suit type trouser. Subtle patterns allowed such as pinstripe. Tailored fit acceptable</p> <p>Belts should be one colour (Dark grey/dark brown or tan/black)</p> <p>A shirt and tie in a sober colour/subtle patterns</p> <p>Formal/smart/leather shoe or boot a modest heel is permitted</p> <p>Formal, tailored suit type skirts and dresses Sober colour/patterns e.g. pinstripe Skirt/dress must be no more than 10cm above the knee Pencil skirts permitted</p> <p>Blouse or top that are smart wear</p>	<p>Denim/chinos/skin tight trousers/shorts/leggings</p> <p>T-shirts, polo shirts, Hawaiian shirts, hoodies</p> <p>Trainers, sports shoes, doc marten style boots, high stiletto heels</p> <p>Tight skirts, short dresses</p> <p>T-shirts, strappy tops, 'cold shoulder' tops</p>

### Additional Uniform Information

- No jewellery (apart from one stud in each ear and a mechanical watch)
- No bracelets
- No necklaces
- No rings
- No make-up, false eye-lashes, nail varnish, or acrylic nails
- Hair and braids must be a natural colour, no extreme styles, spikes, patterns, tramlines or shaved areas
- No shaved eyebrows
  
- No chewing gum

#### All students must have:

- A School Bag
- A Student Planner
- A Pen & Pencil
- A Rubber
- A Ruler
- A Locker key

#### 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
- Smart watches
- Electronic Games
- Ear Phones/Headphones
- Hoodies/Leather/Denim Jackets
- 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