



**Wath Academy**

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well in these unprecedented times. As you are already aware, the Academy has successfully implemented a number of key changes since last September. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support with these changes.

## **Uniform**

At the end of the last academic year we wrote to inform you that we had reviewed our uniform policy and it remained unchanged. We did, however, add further very specific detail in our descriptions to ensure parents were supported to make the correct purchases over the summer period. (A copy of our detailed uniform policy is available on the academy website.)

It was great to see in our recent parental questionnaire that the overwhelming majority of parents felt that our increased focus on enforcing our existing uniform policy had had a positive effect on student appearance.

## **Single Academy skirt**

Wath Academy is extremely proud of its uniform, which is steeped in tradition. However, we have been concerned for some time that many students wear skirts that we consider to be too short or are made of stretchy material. In the previously mentioned questionnaire, a number of parents also shared our concerns around the consistency of skirts.

To address this issue, and to facilitate consistency, we are introducing a single Academy approved skirt for all year groups from September 2020. If your child chooses to wear a skirt it must be the single approved Academy skirt. No other skirt will be permitted. Of course, the school skirt will remain optional, as students also have the choice to wear trousers.

The Academy skirt is a black S-cut straight line skirt, which is manufactured by Blue Max Banner (Item number: 111508). The cost of this skirt is £14.99 and £17.99, dependent on size. As this is a new item of uniform for this academic year and we do appreciate the financial burden that this can bring, we will be offering one free skirt per student who wishes to wear one in September.

The one free skirt will be available for collection from the Academy site between 9.00am and 4.00pm on specific dates, dependent upon the year group that your child is in - please refer to the Appendix, at the end of this letter, and Table 1 for full details.

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Additional skirts will be available to purchase from our two current uniform providers:

- Pinders Schoolwear: purchases can be made from their two shops based in Rotherham or online at [www.pindersschoolwear.com](http://www.pindersschoolwear.com)
- Prestige Printers: purchases can be made from their shop based in Swinton, further details on their website [www.prestige-printers.co.uk](http://www.prestige-printers.co.uk)

### **Changes to the school day**

From September we will be moving to a six-period school day. This change will allow for a 30 rather than 25 period school week and therefore facilitate a broader range of subjects to be offered to students across the curriculum. It will also increase the frequency of teacher and student contact throughout the school week, giving further opportunities for students to access feedback from their teachers.

Next academic year the school day will continue to finish at 2.40pm. The school day will begin at 8.25am. Students are expected to arrive at the single point of entry by this time. A full list of timings for each lesson and break times has been included in the Appendix – please see Table 2.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Hopkin

Assistant Vice Principal

## Appendix

**Table 1 - Allocated times to collect Academy skirt**

		<b>Time to collect</b>
<b>Current Y7</b>	Tuesday - 23/06/2020	9.00 – 4.00
	Wednesday - 08/07/2020	9.00 – 4.00
	Thursday - 16/07/2020	9.00 – 4.00
<b>Current Y8</b>	Wednesday - 24/06/2020	9.00 – 4.00
	Thursday - 09/07/2020	9.00 – 4.00
	Friday - 17/07/2020	9.00 – 4.00
<b>Current Y9</b>	Thursday - 25/06/2020	9.00 – 4.00
	Friday - 10/07/2020	9.00 – 4.00
	Monday - 13/07/2020	9.00 – 4.00
<b>Current Y10</b>	Friday - 26/06/2020	9.00 – 4.00
	Monday - 06/07/2020	9.00 – 4.00
	Tuesday - 14/07/2020	9.00 – 4.00
<b>Current Y12</b>	Full week commencing	9.00 – 4.00
	Monday 13/07/2020	9.00 – 4.00
<b>Year 6 (Year 7 in Sept 2020)</b>	Full week commencing	9.00 – 4.00
	Monday 29/06/2020	9.00 – 4.00
<b>Year 12 in Sept 2020</b>	Collect during interview with sixth form team	9.00 – 4.00

**Table 2 - Wath Academy school day September 2020**

<b>Students must be in school for 8:25*</b>	
Tutor Time	8:30 – 8:50
Period 1	8:50 – 9:40
Period 2	9:40 – 10:30
Break	10:30 – 10:45
Period 3	10:45 – 11:35
Period 4	11:35 – 12:25
Lunch	12:25 – 13:00
Period 5	13:00 – 13:50
Period 6	13:50 – 14:40

*\*Students who arrive after 8:25 will be marked late and will receive a 30-minute same day detention*