



**Wath Academy**

Our Ref: AHO/LRA

28 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Uniform Policy Update September 2021**

Wath Academy is extremely proud of its uniform, which is steeped in tradition. We value the strong support we have received from parents and carers and would like to thank you for your continued support of our uniform policy. It has been crucial to ensuring that the highest standards are maintained. The academy Uniform Policy (attached to this letter) remains largely unchanged for next academic year. We have however made some slight updates to the policy:

#### **Skirts**

Last academic year we introduced our single Academy Skirt. A black S-cut straight-line skirt, this is the only Skirt students are allowed to wear no other skirt is permitted. This skirt remains the same however a number of parents this academic year have shared concerns around the consistency of the length of skirts. To facilitate consistency next academic year all skirts must be **knee length, with the bottom of the skirt in line with the top of the student's patella (knee cap).**

#### **Footwear**

This section remains unchanged, however **Kickers branded shoes are not allowed to be worn**, due to their additional tags and red/green markings they do not meet the academy guidelines of being completely black. This year some students have removed the tags and coloured in the red/green section at the back of the shoe, however, if it rains it exposes the colours again. So for consistency and fairness, they are no longer allowed.

The two Academy uniform suppliers also remain unchanged next Academic year:

- **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)
- **Pinders Schoolwear:** purchases can be made from their two shops based in Rotherham or online at [www.pindersschoolwear.com](http://www.pindersschoolwear.com)

There are certain items of our uniform that can only be bought from these two providers. These items include: Academy tie, blazer with badge and our Academy approved skirt.

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.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Hopkin

Vice Principal

**Sandygate, Wath-upon-Deerne, Rotherham, S63 7NW**  
**T: 01709 760222**

**E: [enquiries@wathacademy.com](mailto:enquiries@wathacademy.com)**  
**W: [www.wathacademy.com](http://www.wathacademy.com)**

**Executive Principal: Mr D Jackson**  
**Principal: Mr J Taylor**



The  
**Maltby** Learning Trust



# Uniform Policy 2021-2022

Date Last Reviewed: May 2021  
Reviewed by: Vice Principal  
Approved by: CEO

Maltby Learning Trust

# Uniform Policy

## Uniform Expectations

Wath Academy students must be in perfect uniform at all times, from leaving their home in the morning, until they return home. Whenever students are wearing the academy uniform, they are representing the academy. If shoes or an item of uniform is damaged and there is a slight delay in replacing it, then the academy will provide a temporary replacement. If a student refuses to wear this item they will be sent home to rectify the issue or placed in a consequence room.

The Headteacher will make the final decision of whether items of uniform are acceptable. If you are unsure whether or not certain items of uniform meet our uniform requirements, please check with the academy before you purchase them.

There are certain items of our uniform that can only be bought from specific providers. These items include: Academy tie, blazer with badge and our Academy approved skirt. These items are available to be purchased from our two external 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)

## Footwear

Students must wear shoes that are completely black, look professional and not have any logos or tags. Kickers branded shoes are not allowed to be worn. The sole of the shoe must be completely black. The laces must be black and the eyelets which the laces go through must be small and black. They must be formal shoes, not black trainers, boots, converse, pumps, sandshoes, sandals or jelly shoes. Footwear with trainer-like soles, canvas, suede or rubber shoes are also not allowed.

The shoes must be leather, patent leather or leather look and must be able to be polished. A maximum of two buckles are allowed on any style of shoe. These buckles must be black or silver. Any stitching on the sole or the shoe must be black. Velcro fastening shoes, must still have the look of a formal shoe and not a trainer. Shoes with a zip are not permitted. Recommended shoes are shown below.





## Blazers

Students must wear blazers at all times when they are inside the school building. Students may remove their blazers when in a lesson, with teacher permission, but they must be put back on before leaving the classroom.

- Y 7-11 students are required to wear a maroon blazer with school badge.
- Y12-13 students are required to wear a black blazer with sixth form badge.

## Skirts and Tights

If your child chooses to wear a skirt, it must be the single approved Academy skirt. **No other skirt is permitted.** The skirt is a black S-cut straight skirt manufactured by Banner uniform (Item number: 111508). You can only purchase this skirt from Pinders Schoolwear from their two shops in Rotherham or online at: [www.pindersschoolwear.com](http://www.pindersschoolwear.com) or from Prestige printers [www.prestige-printers.co.uk](http://www.prestige-printers.co.uk) who have a shop in Swinton. When worn the skirt must be **knee length, with the bottom of the skirt in line with the top of the student's patella (knee cap)**. Students must wear tights if they choose to wear a skirt. Tights must be plain black and professional looking and between 20 – 80 denier. Tights must not be patterned or have any texture to them. Leggings are not permitted.



## Trousers

In all years trousers must be formal, plain black with no pattern or zips. All pockets must go into the trousers and not be visible from the outside. Black ankle length socks must be worn with all trousers.



The following trousers are not acceptable in any year group:

- Combat trousers
- Trousers with patch/studded pockets
- Leggings
- Drainpipe trousers
- Jeans or chinos
- Slim fit or skinny trousers (boys or girls)
- Low rise hipsters
- Any other inappropriate fashion trousers.

## Belts

If a belt is worn, it must be plain black with no patterns or indentations (no other colour or part colour is acceptable) aside from the buckle. The belt must be made from leather or a similar leather look material. The buckle must be basic, look professional and display no logo. The buckle must be black or silver in colour. Coloured stitching is not permitted.

## Shirts

Shirts must be completely white with a collar. Logos on shirts are unacceptable. The top button must be present and fastened at all times. Shirts must be tucked into trousers/skirts. Sleeves on shirts and blazers must always be rolled down whilst walking around the academy. Any item of clothing worn underneath the shirt must not be visible through the shirt.

## Socks

Socks must be plain black and professional looking. Socks must go above the ankle and frills are not allowed on them.

## Jumpers (Optional)

In all years students may wear a plain black V-neck jumper beneath their blazer.

## Lanyards and House badges

The lanyard must be worn at all times in school around the neck. It should clearly be displayed and not be tucked in a student's jumper or blazer pocket. The lanyard needs to be worn at the correct length and not be worn with knots in it. If any part of the lanyard or ID badge is damaged or defaced students will be required to purchase a new item immediately. The House badge should be pinned and displayed on the student's blazer at all times. It should be pinned in the middle of the left lapel of the blazer.

## Ties

Students must wear an academy clip on tie at all times. This must be clipped onto the top button of the student's shirt, which must be fastened.

## Outdoor Coats

Outdoor coats of any type must not be worn instead of or underneath the academy blazer anywhere on the academy site. Coats or Jackets of any type must not be worn inside the academy building. All coats must be dark in colour. Please note hoodies, leather or denim outdoor coats/jackets are not acceptable.

## Bag

The academy expects all students to bring a bag to the academy every day. We recommend a rucksack which is dark in colour, ideally plain black with only a small logo. The school bag must be able to hold an outdoor coat, student planner, A4 exercise books/folders, writing equipment and PE kit in it.

# General Appearance Expectations

## Hair

Hair needs to be smart and conservative. Extreme hair colours are not permitted (only natural looking colours are allowed). Extreme hair styles and/or shaved lines/patterns, are also not permitted for any student. Pupils will be asked to rectify these issues as soon as possible and parents will be contacted. If the issue cannot be rectified, the student will be placed in a consequence room until the hair meets academy expectations.

## Make-up

- Make-up must not be visible (if make-up can be seen it must be removed).

The following are not permitted:

- False eyelashes
- Unnatural looking eyebrows such as HD brows
- Fake tan or spray tan that does not look natural.

## Accessories

The following are acceptable:

- Hair bobble (must be black)
- A headband can be worn provided it is black and no more than 1 cm wide
- Hairclips (must be black).

The following are not permitted:

- False nails (including coloured or French polish)
- Painted nails – only clear nail polish is permitted
- Bandanas – this includes wearing them as a hairband
- Badges (other than badges issued by the academy)
- Caps or hats
- Visible tattoos.

## Jewellery

The following are acceptable:

- One plain and discrete (circular/ball shaped) pair of small silver or gold ear studs worn in ear lobes. The stud must not contain a stone, crystal or diamond.
- One watch.

The following are not permitted:

- Facial piercings (clear spacers or retainers are not allowed at any time)
- Other jewellery – (including rings, bracelets, bangles)
- Sleepers, stretchers, spike earrings or hoops
- Coloured earrings or earrings with a stone, crystal or diamond.

## PE Kit

Our uniform providers are Pinders Schoolwear ([www.pindersschoolwear.com](http://www.pindersschoolwear.com)) and Prestige printers [www.prestige-printers.co.uk](http://www.prestige-printers.co.uk) who have a shop in Swinton. The following items must be purchased from our providers:

- Boys Wath T-shirt (£10.50)
- Boys rugby Shirt (£18.50)
- Girls T-shirt (£10.50) or Fitted T-shirt (£13.00)
- Girls Hooded Top (£14.50).

Any other items may be purchased elsewhere but they must meet the Wath Academy Uniform Policy.

## Boys' PE Kit

- Wath Academy T-shirt
- Wath Academy rugby shirt
- Black football socks
- Black shorts or Black tracksuit bottoms – these must be plain black, with no stripes or writing down the side. A small logo for the brand is allowed.

## Girls' PE Kit

- Wath Academy T-shirt or Wath Academy fitted polo shirt (down to girls' individual preference)
- Wath Academy Hooded top
- Plain black socks
- Plain black shorts, plain black tracksuit bottoms or plain black leggings – these must be plain black, with no stripes or writing down the side. A small logo for the brand is allowed.

