



Uniform Policy

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Preface

Thornhill Academy, in accordance with our aims and values, work to serve our community by providing an education of the highest quality. We strive to ensure that “Learn to Live” is a reality, promoting the growth of knowledge and learning. At Thornhill Academy we take pride in developing each individual student to achieve their potential and make a positive contribution to society. We provide a safe, happy and nurturing environment in which we challenge **all** to strive for personal accomplishment within a broad, vibrant and enriched curriculum.

This policy and its associated procedures are based on these key aims and values.

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Statement of intent

Thornhill Academy expects all of its students to wear their uniform correctly and with pride. Parents are requested to ensure students wear the uniform in accordance to the policy set out below. The uniform has been designed to be comfortable, practical and hard wearing.

1. Uniform requirement

1.1 Our school uniform

- ✓ Plain black blazer with academy embroidered logo from the Academy's recommended supplier, or of a matching style from another supplier
- ✓ Plain black school style trousers (cords, denim or tight fitting are not permitted) or plain black skirt with smooth upper section and pleated lower section from the Academy's recommended supplier, or of a matching style from another supplier
- ✓ Black socks with trousers
- ✓ Black/white socks with skirt or black/natural tights
- ✓ White shirt (long or short sleeved)
- ✓ Maroon v necked pullover (sleeved or sleeveless) with embroidered academy logo
- ✓ Black sweatshirt with embroidered academy logo
- ✓ Maroon and silver striped clip-on tie
- ✓ Plain black leather type shoes (school style and to provide some form of protection)
- ✓ Outdoor waterproof coat (no tracksuit tops/hoodies, denim or leather) – to be removed as pupils enter the building
- ✓ Suitable bag to carry books and equipment

1.2 PE Kit & Equipment

- ✓ Clean training shoes
- ✓ Football boots (for football/rugby)
- ✓ White sports socks, Maroon football socks
- ✓ NAVY polo shirt with academy embroidered logo (both boys and girls)
- ✓ Maroon/blue reversible games top (if desired, but not required) (both boys and girls)
- ✓ NAVY slim fit tracksuit bottoms (both boys and girls)
- ✓ NAVY shorts (both boys and girls)
- ✓ NAVY leggings (girls)
- ✓ NAVY hoodie with academy embroidered logo (optional)
- ✓ Swimming costume/swim shorts or trunks
- ✓ Swimming cap

- 1.3 You are free to purchase standard uniform items (without Academy badge) from any supplier, although skirts and trousers must be in the style of those available from the Academy's approved supplier (**Little Gems**). It is recommended that items with the Academy badge on (Maroon v-neck jumper / tank top and PE kit) be purchased from our approved supplier.

2. Prohibited uniform items

- 2.1 The following items are not accepted as uniform and students will be sent home to change if they wear the following:
- Leather or 'leather – look' coats, hooded tops, zipped tops, cardigans, jumpers or sweatshirts without the school logo or any high collars which obscure the tie
 - Short or fitted fashion blouses (school shirts must be of traditional design and tucked in)
 - Tank tops
 - Baseball caps
 - Jeans or any trousers with rivets
 - Any skirt which is not at least knee length and of the approved style.
 - Tight, clingy or lycra type skirts
 - Fashion trousers, including skinny, cropped or fitting styles
 - Trousers with fashion zips
 - Coloured embellishments or adornments on shoes
 - Hipster trousers worn immodestly so that underwear or midriff is on display
 - Trainers or trainer-type shoes usually (exemplified with coloured soles, trims or logos), fabric pumps or sandals.
 - Any jewellery other than watches will be confiscated; including rings, earrings, bracelets or any other piercing. Students should have any new piercing timed to coincide with the start of the summer holiday to ensure that any jewellery can be removed to attend school in September.
 - Retainers/ear expanders will not be allowed.
 - No excessive make-up, fake tan, false eyelashes, acrylic nails or nail varnish is allowed.
 - Excessive beading and unnatural hair colouring are not permitted; the interpretation of 'unnatural' is as follows: "colour that is not found within the natural hair colour"
- 2.2 **Mobile phones and personal music players should not be seen or heard within school.** Any jewellery, or prohibited personal electronic equipment discovered is liable to confiscation and will only be returned to parents when they attend for retrieval from the academy's reception office.

3. Student Showers

- 3.1 Students are offered opportunities to shower after taking part in PE lessons as it is unhygienic to remain unwashed after vigorous physical activity. You will therefore need to bring a towel and soap/shampoo on the days that you have PE. However, we would like to assure you that no student will be forced to take part in showering and individuals modesty and wishes are taken into consideration.

4. Severe Weather

- 4.1 During periods of severe weather, the academy may modify uniform regulations for a temporary period in the interest of the Health and Safety of the students. Students and parents/carers will be advised of any changes via the school website or social media.

MAIN ACADEMY UNIFORM	
	Guidance
Black blazer embroidered (new school logo)	The blazer is a compulsory item. No replacement of the blazer with an alternative jacket, hoodie or tracksuit top is permitted. No additions including badges and other accessories, unless provided by the Academy (such as team badges etc.)
Formal white school shirt	Shirt must be always tucked in. Top button fastened. No polo shirts.
School maroon and silver striped tie	The tie must be worn at all times. Ties which are not clip-on must be worn smartly with a neat knot and a length in line with the clip-on version.
Plain black knitted V neck jumper	The jumper is a compulsory item. Plain or school embroidered jumpers are both permitted. No round neck jumpers or sweatshirts.
Formal plain black polishable school shoes – leather type	Footwear must be 100% black with no logos. No trainers or trainer style. No canvas material. No open toe shoes. No boots or boot style
Dark coloured waterproof coat	No hoodies, tracksuit tops, sweatshirts, denim jackets, fashion jackets, gilets or body warmer style jackets. Not to be worn under the blazer. Not to be worn inside of the school building.
Black tights or black ankle socks	No patterned tights. Plain, thick black tights (80 denier or above). No knee length socks.
Formal black trousers or black Charleston skirt	Skirts must be a black Charleston style skirt (with a flat upper section and pleated lower section). No ‘rolling’ of skirts to reduce the length. No short ‘tube’ type designs. No denim, jeans or jean style trousers. No leggings.
Black school bag	Large enough to hold an A4 folder, black bag or tote style.

Acceptable jewellery A watch 1 pair of small, plain stud earrings worn in the ear lobes (no jewels in earrings).	Not acceptable No other jewellery including necklace, bracelets, rings, or any additional piercings such as nose, tongue, eyebrow, lip or any other facial piercings
Additional Requirements: No excessive make up. No extreme haircuts including shaved patterns, accessories or non-natural hair colours. No false nails. Nails should be short in length. No nail varnish.	