

Uniform

Policy

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1. Rationale

At Thornhill Academy we believe that the academy uniform:

- Gives students a pride in and a sense of belonging to the academy
- Identifies students as belonging to Thornhill Academy thereby deterring truanting
- Heightens the reputation of the academy in the community
- Gives students an equality of appearance thereby discouraging competition
- Encourages discipline and a work ethic amongst students.

It is expected that the full academy uniform will be worn appropriately at all times in the academy and on the way to and from the academy as an expression of belonging to Thornhill Academy. In particular where students are representing the academy at events, on visits and in public places, it is expected that the uniform be worn in such a manner as to reflect the pride and sense of identity of the students.

It is expected that shirts will be tucked in, badge clearly displayed on the blazer. Items of non-academy uniform should not be worn as they may obscure or detract from the smart presentation and recognition of students in their uniform.

In order to achieve our collective vision for the academy and subscribe to the rationale outlined above, no other items of clothing should be worn in conjunction with the academy uniform as stated above.

Those students who for any reason contravene these expectations will be challenged to rectify the issue and may be sent home to change into uniform to return to the academy immediately. This element of policy is in line with Department for Education (DFE) guidelines and does not constitute exclusion, rather an authorised absence. Students who do not present for school, meeting our expectations may be isolated until full uniform expectations are met. There are forms of dress which are unacceptable in the academy, including in physical education classes, on the grounds of, or for reasons related to, the maintenance of good order and discipline and/or Health and Safety, and are therefore not allowed.

These are items of clothing which:

- could cause offence (such as anti-religious symbolism or slogans which might be regarded as political or carrying a message at odds with the values of the academy)
- could cause health and safety concerns, such as loose-fitting clothing, extended nails (nail art), painted nails, shell suits and jackets of flammable material.
- could cause damage to flooring.
- carry advertising particularly for alcohol or tobacco or other drug use.
- could inflict injury on other students or be used by others to do so.

Valuable items and unnecessarily expensive articles of clothing or jewellery should not be brought to the academy. The Headteacher and Governors of Thornhill Academy have considered the cost of providing academy uniform to meet the new DFE requirements set out in September 2022 where schools were required to remove unnecessary branded items from their uniform requirements and allowing parents to shop around and purchase uniform items from high street stores. Uniform Requirements The items of the academy uniform can be purchased directly from our academy supplier. (Little Gems, 259A, High Street West, Sunderland SR1 3DH · 0191 510 8186)

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 at the end of the school day from the academy's reception office.

MAIN ACADEMY UNIFORM	
Guidance	
Black Blazer embroidered (new school logo)	Replacement of the blazer with an alternative jacket, hoody or tracksuit top is not allowed.
Formal white school shirt - to be tucked in	This is not a polo shirt.
School maroon and silver striped tie	The tie must be always worn.
Black Knitted V Neck Jumper	The jumper is a compulsory item with or without the school logo Sweatshirts are not an alternative to wearing the blazer.
Black school shoes – Leather type	Footwear must be 100% black with no logos. No trainers or canvas material shoes.
Dark coloured Waterproof Coat	No hoodies, tracksuit tops, sweatshirts, denim jackets. Not to be worn under the blazer or inside of the building.
Black Tights or Black/White Socks	No patterned tights.
Formal Black Trousers or Black Charleston skirt	Skirts must have a flat upper section and pleated lower section. Short 'tube' type designs are not acceptable. No denim, jeans, jean style or leggings allowed.
Black School Bag & Equipment	Black Rucksack or Black Tote style bag (Must be large enough for an A4 file) School Planner - Pencil Case, 2 x Black Pens, Green Pen, 2 x Pencils, Orange Highlighter, Ruler
Important information to also note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No excessive or heavy make-up • Short, neutral-coloured nails only • Baseball caps are banned, other hats/hoods must not be worn inside the buildings • No Jewellery except a single pair of stud earrings and a watch • No extreme haircuts, lines, or shading • Mobile phones are not permitted and will be confiscated if seen or heard.
PE UNIFORM	
Navy Blue polo shirt	School embroidered items are not compulsory.
Navy tracksuit bottoms or navy shorts	School embroidered items are not compulsory.
Navy or Black Legging	Must not be worn as part of the regular school uniform.
Football socks	Navy football socks
Footwear	Must be sports trainers. Football boots and shin pads may be required at times.
Important information to also note:	Long hair must be tied up. All jewellery must be removed. PE Kit is not optional. It is an essential requirement as part of the curriculum.