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Dear Families,

### **Year 8 / 9 Uniform**

I am writing to inform you of the details of our Academy uniform expectations for key stage 3 (years 7,8,9).

At Dixons Croxteth we expect our students to meet our expectations of 100% correct uniform every day. We want our students to be successful and climb the mountain to university or a real alternative. Uniform is one of our six learning habits. We believe uniform is very important because it prepares students for the world of work, gives us pride in our Academy and promotes equality. By helping your child to achieve our learning habit of perfect uniform every day you will be supporting your child and the Academy in achieving our mission.

Our core values are Integrity, Hard-work and Fairness and you can support your child to live these values by preparing uniform the night before with your child. We will ensure students are aware of our expectation that uniform is worn correctly at all times and we will encourage students to wear their uniform with pride in school and in the community.

The way students wear their uniform is just as important as what they wear. Equipment and personal items should be carried in the student's bags. Mobile phones must be switched off and put away in the locker provided or in blazer pocket if seen at any point in the day it will be confiscated, I would encourage you to not allow your child to bring a phone into the Academy. If phones are seen they will be placed in the school safe until the end of the day. For the next academic year on the second occasion during a week that a phone is seen, the phone will be kept in a safe to be collected from the Academy by an appropriate adult.

Students can correct their uniform by speaking to a member of the pastoral team before 8.30am each morning. A half hour same day correction will be given for incorrect uniform.

Thank you for supporting your child to wear 100% correct uniform every day. Please see the attached appendices for a detailed breakdown of uniform expectations and illustrations of correct and incorrect items of uniform. I will contact you again regarding uniform in my final letter of this academic year.

Yours faithfully



Iain Duggan  
**Principal**

### Key Stage 3 Uniform Expectations

- Graphite grey Academy Trutex blazer with Academy logo.
- A white shirt with no coloured garments underneath the shirt.
- An Academy blue and white striped tie with the Academy logo. (blue and white Year 7,8,9)
- A grey or black V-neck jumper with a contrasting V. (optional)
- Black tailored trousers - jeans / tracksuits / leggings / very flared, tight, knee length or trousers which gather at the ankle are not considered appropriate wear. Jeans are defined as trousers with patch pockets and rivets. Trousers should not trail on the floor.
- Black knee length box pleated skirt, or students may choose to wear a black knee length pinafore. (specifically shown below).
- Girls can opt to wear plain black shalwar kameez or tunic with a white shirt and with the Academy blazer over the top.
- Hijabs, scarves, turbans, crowns and top knots, worn for religious reasons, must be plain black and well secured.
- Socks should be plain black, a small bow at the side is permitted. Socks worn with a skirt can be ankle or knee-length but not over the knee. Tights should be black opaque 40 denier or more.
- Shoes must be sensible and entirely plain black with no large badges or logos (for example Vivienne Westwood X Melissa shoes and similar are not acceptable), laces must be fastened and be plain black.
- Heels, boots and trainers are not acceptable. Students wearing the wrong footwear will be asked to change into Academy footwear.
- No jewellery is allowed, this includes facial jewellery or visible body-piercings. Plasters cannot be worn to cover piercings. Any student wearing jewellery will be asked to instantly remove it and it will be placed in the Academy safe until the end of the day. The only exception to this is where there is a religious expectation, for example the Sikh Kara.
- Smart watches are not allowed.
- Make-up, false eyelashes, lash extensions (classic, volume, Russian, express etc.), nail varnish, false nails (gel nails, shellac, acrylic etc.) are not allowed at any time.
- Hair must be a natural colour and appropriate to a place of work with no unusual styles or colours, shavings or patterns.
- Students may be asked to tie hair back for health and safety reasons.
- Hair bands should be plain.
- Belts, if worn, should be plain black.
- The students' school bag should be a plain black backpack big enough to fit in an A4 file so students can carry all their equipment and planner.
- Outdoor jackets, jumpers, cardigans other than Academy uniform, should not be worn at any time inside the Academy.
- Hats, hoods and caps need to be removed before entering the building.
- The PE kit consists of a Trutex Akoa label black buttoned polo shirt with blue inserts featuring the Academy logo, shorts and PE socks, in the same design

### Dixons Croxteth Academy Uniform Suppliers

- Brienda Ltd (Alphaschoolwear.com) 74 Muirhead Avenue 0151 226 3333
- West Derby Schoolwear (Alphaschoolwear.com) 239-241 Eaton Road 0151 228 7896

If you have any difficulties purchasing uniform for whatever reason please contact the academy and we will support and advice.

## Trouser Expectations

All students are expected to wear full length tailored black trousers. Trousers should not have any rivets or accessory zips.

- No Jeans
- No Leggings
- No skinny fit trousers
- No tight fitting trousers
- No tracksuit bottoms
- No shorts





## Uniform Expectations: Footwear

All students are expected to wear plain black leather or leather look smart shoes with **plain black socks**.

- No colours
- No logos or brands
- No trainers
- No pumps
- No high heels
- No boots
- No leather converse/vans styles



