



21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

## Uniform Policy

At Ernulf Academy, we firmly believe that uniform plays a vital role in contributing to the ethos of our learning environment and setting the appropriate tone.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and students for their support in implementing this policy, and when required, replacing items of clothing that are deemed unsuitable. The vast majority of students look smart, and are a credit to their parents/carers and the Academy.

There are a small, but significant, number of issues which persist, notably:

- Short skirts which do not meet our requirement for them to be of knee-length; these are often very tight which, even when adjusted, do not remain at the required length. Jersey/Body-con skirts are not acceptable.
- skinny style trousers;
- occasional instances of students wearing black jeans and leggings;
- false, acrylic or gel nails;
- facial piercings.

May we take this opportunity to request that more suitable items which fulfil our policy are purchased over the summer break in time for the new academic year in September. Suitable uniform is available through the link on our website (under information) and, of course, please do feel able to clarify what is suitable with the relevant Head of School/Head of Year. All orders for uniform should be placed before July 31<sup>st</sup> to ensure arrival before the beginning of term.

Attached is a reminder of our uniform policy for September which will also be available in logbooks in the usual manner. Please note that items purchased from our supplier will normally avoid any instances where students have to be challenged by staff about their uniform. *I would, therefore, strongly advise that all uniform items are purchased from our supplier, wherever possible.*

Financial assistance for help with buying items of school uniform is available to parents of children who attract additional funding through Pupil Premium. We would also like to remind parents that all uniform should be named if we are to reunite students with any missing garments.

In the final weeks of this term, Tutors and Student Support staff have been reminding students of our expectations for September and have highlighted any aspects which we would like addressed via their logbook, briefly outlining the issue.

Yours sincerely

Ms Tracy Brogan  
Headteacher



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## Academy Uniform Years 7 - 11

It is important that students wear uniform with pride and look well presented at all times. Fashion garments are not appropriate for the Academy. The Academy will advise parents/carers if there is any doubt over what is acceptable as part of the uniform. All items marked with an asterisk are available online from our uniform supplier 'SWI'. We strongly advise all students in Years 7 – 11 to purchase trousers and /or skirts from the Academy supplier. If an alternative provider is chosen, please ensure that the style is reflective of the policy below.

<b>*Top</b>	<b>Boys and Girls</b> *Navy polo shirt with the Academy logo; *navy sweatshirt with the Academy logo.
<b>*Trousers</b>	<b>Girls</b> Black - tailored with finished hems and must not be tight fitting. Leggings, jeans or jean style trousers with studs etc are not acceptable. <b>Boys</b> Smart and black; jeans and any material resembling jeans are not acceptable. Trousers must not be tight fitting.
<b>*Skirts</b>	<b>or</b> Black – tailored, of knee length and not of tight fitting or stretchy material.
<b>Tights/Socks</b>	Not PE socks.
<b>Footwear</b>	White/black/navy plain socks or black/navy/flesh coloured plain tights. Black shoes. They should be low-heeled (maximum 4 cm) and of a style that is safe for the wearer and for others, i.e. no sling-backs, open toes or high platform soles. <b>Plain</b> black trainers (no logos, coloured or white) are acceptable. Brightly coloured or white soles and/or laces are not permitted. Boots and other unsuitable footwear ( <i>including current fashions such as 'high tops'</i> ) must not be worn.
<b>Make-up and Hair</b>	The wearing of makeup is discouraged as inappropriate within the Academy. Only natural hair colouring is permitted and no extremes of style. Coloured nail varnish is not allowed, including current fashions such as acrylic nails or gels.
<b>Jewellery</b>	Students may wear a wrist-watch and one earring (a small stud or sleeper) per ear in the traditional lobe position. No other jewellery or body piercing is acceptable.
<b>Additional items</b>	All students are strongly recommended to have a workshop apron. Students must cover their Academy uniform in the workshops.

## PE KIT

Please name every item of your son/daughter's kit.

Each student should be equipped with:

\*Academy Rugby/Hockey shirt

\*Blue polo shirt with Academy logo

\*Shorts – **plain** navy

\*Socks, full length – blue

Trainers, Indoor/Outdoor (non-marking soles)

Boots – Football/Hockey/Rugby – essential for safety

### **Compulsory items specified by various Governing Bodies of Sport:**

Shin pads – Football/Hockey/Rugby

Safety studs – Rugby

\*Gum shields – Hockey/Rugby

### **Optional:**

Jogging bottoms – plain navy

Sweatshirt – plain navy

### **Additional points**

1. **Outdoor Coats.** The Academy has no formal specification of outdoor clothing in its policy. However, parents are asked to bear in mind the image of the Academy in relation to coats. We prefer coats to be plain and without slogans. Items likely to cause offence will not be allowed. **Students are not allowed to wear hoodies at any time.**

Alternatives to the sweatshirt, such as jumpers and cardigans, are not permitted.

2. **Jewellery.** All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons and other activities where safety could be compromised.
3. **Fashions.** We are aware that fashions change rapidly and frequently. We therefore ask that if there is any doubt about the suitability of an item that parents seek clarification before making the purchase.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE LABELLED WITH FIRST NAME AND SURNAME**

