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Dear Parent/Carer

At Ernulf Academy, we firmly believe that our school uniform assists in the development of a unified culture and conveys a strong message about our standards in school and the community. We are grateful to parents for ensuring their children arrive at school properly dressed in accordance with our uniform policy. The vast majority of students look smart, and are a credit to their parents/carers and the Academy.

With the weather getting warmer we are aware that you might be purchasing new items over the holidays and therefore thought it would be helpful to highlight 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;
- trousers that do not cover the ankles;
- black jeans or jean style trousers including chinos that are not acceptable
- false, acrylic or gel nails
- students may wear a wrist-watch, one earring (a small stud or sleeper) per ear in the traditional lobe position only. No other jewellery or body piercing is acceptable.

May we take this opportunity to request that if your son or daughter is not currently wearing uniform that conforms to our policy that you purchase suitable items over the Easter break in time for the start of the summer term on April 18th. With summer approaching could I also remind you that we do not allow open-toe sandals or sling-backs.

In addition the sweatshirt is a compulsory item and must be worn every day. Your son/daughter may wear an additional coat or jacket if it is cold but this should be in addition to their sweatshirt, not instead of.

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.

Attached is a reminder of our uniform which is available in our logbooks. 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.***

If your son/daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium funding you will be able to access financial support for this purchase. Pupil premium funding is available for students who have been eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years, are looked after or have parents in the armed forces. Further advice on eligibility for Pupil Premium funding is available on our website. If you are not eligible for Pupil Premium but are currently experiencing financial hardship; the Academy may be able to support you. If you wish to apply for Pupil Premium or to discuss current financial hardship please contact the finance office on 01480 374748 or email finance@ernulf.cambs.sch.uk.

We conduct regular uniform checks at school and always contact parents if we feel a student is inappropriately dressed. By working together to ensure the students are smart and uniformly dressed, together we help them take pride in their appearance and maintain high standards of dress.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Dodsworth
Deputy Headteacher



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 if there is any doubt over what is acceptable as part of the uniform. **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 uniform policy and description.**

Boys and Girls

Top	Navy polo shirt with Academy logo; navy sweatshirt with Academy logo.	
Trousers	Girls Leggings and black jeans are NOT acceptable. Trousers should be black, tailored, with finished hems and not have the appearance of jeans. They must cover the ankle and not be tight-fitting.	Boys Black and tailored. Jeans, or trousers which have the appearance of jeans are NOT acceptable.
Skirts	Black, tailored and of knee length. Jersey/body-con skirts are not acceptable	
Tights /Socks	White/black/socks (plain) <u>or</u> black/flesh tights (plain).	Dark plain colours, not PE socks
Footwear	Black shoes. They should be low-heeled and of a style that is safe for the wearer and for others, i.e. no sling-backs, open toes or high platform soles. Plain black trainers (no logos, coloured or white) are acceptable. Brightly coloured soles and/or laces are not permitted. Boots and other unsuitable footwear (<i>including current fashions</i>) must not be worn.	
Makeup	The wearing of makeup is discouraged as inappropriate within the Academy. Only natural hair colouring is permitted and no extremes of style.	

All students are strongly recommended to have a workshop apron. Students must cover their Academy uniform in the workshops.

Jewellery

Students may wear a wrist watch, one earring (a small stud or sleeper) per ear, in the traditional lobe position only and one small ring. No other jewellery or body piercing is acceptable.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE LABELLED WITH FIRST NAME AND SURNAME

