

Uniform and Equipment Policy

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Introduction

Bedlington Academy is part of the North East Learning Trust (NELT) and the Trust has delegated to the Local Academy Council authority to implement a Uniform and Equipment Policy that applies to all students within the Academy.

Aims

The Trust and the Local Academy Council has a duty to ensure that Trust and Academy policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the student body.

We believe that a proper Academy uniform is important because it:

- Instils pride in students and the wider community
- Encourages identity with, and support for the Academy's ethos
- Protects students from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between groups of students
- Supports effective teaching and learning.

Academy Uniform

The uniform for Bedlington Academy is:

Shirts, Ties and Jumpers

- Plain white school shirt (no logos) buttoned to the neck
- Academy tie (Years 7, 8 and 9 green and gold, Years 10 and 11 green and silver)
- Grey V-neck jumper with the Academy logo. No other alternatives are acceptable.
- Black cardigan with the Academy logo. No other alternatives are acceptable.

(The current blazer will remain compulsory for current students until September 2019, unless they have chosen to wear the new jumper or cardigan)

Trousers and Skirts

- Plain black formal straight cut trousers – not leggings, jeans or stretch style. The bottoms of the trouser must be at least 7.5 inches/18 cm wide at the bottom.
- Pleated or straight skirt – not tight fitting or stretch material and must be no more than one inch above the knee.

Footwear

Plain black, formal, leather or leather style shoes which can be polished. No trainers, plimsolls or boots. Socks must be black or grey with trousers. Black opaque tights must be worn with skirts.

Outerwear

Outside coats must be removed on entering the school building. Caps are not to be worn on the Academy premises. Woollen hats may be worn between the autumn and spring half terms but must be removed when entering the school building.

PE Kit

- PE polo shirt – this is a compulsory item and only available from the uniform supplier.
- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings- it is compulsory for students to have at least one of these items. The items are available from the uniform supplier but can be purchased elsewhere.
- Black Mid layer top – optional item only available from the uniform supplier.
- Black base layer – optional item which may be worn underneath the PE polo shirt during the colder months.
- Hoodie - optional item only available from the uniform supplier.
- Rain jacket – optional item only available from the uniform supplier.
- Skort – optional item only available from the uniform supplier.
- Sports sock - optional item available from the uniform supplier.

PE footwear

- Indoor trainers with non-marking soles are to be worn in the sports hall (compulsory).
- Students are required to wear studded boots when participating in certain activities on the grass (compulsory).
- Moulded boots and Astro trainers are the only suitable footwear accepted on the 3G sports pitch (compulsory). Metal studs, blades and flat sole trainers are not accepted.
- Plimsolls, converse or canvas type shoes are not suitable.

Upper School (sixth form)

Smart business dress (office wear)

Boys:

- Formal Trousers
- Shirt (tie optional)

Girls:

- Blouse or similar
- Formal trousers
- Skirt (minimum knee length)

Black opaque tights must be worn with skirts.

Footwear

Plain black, formal, leather or leather style shoes which can be polished. No trainers, plimsolls or boots.

General Appearance

Hair

Hair should be a natural colour (one colour only). The academy reserves the right to decide that the cut and colour of a student's hair is inappropriate. Tramlines, mohicans, extreme short sides, longer on top are examples of styles that are deemed inappropriate.

Hair bands should be thin and not overly decorative.

Jewellery

Students are permitted to wear one stud in each earlobe. No other jewellery or body piercings are allowed. Students will not be allowed to cover body piercings with Elastoplast. Parents must ensure that if a child is to have a piercing it must take place at the start of the six weeks holiday and must be removed on the first day of term.

Make-Up

Students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 6th form can where discreet, natural make-up. Students are not permitted to wear false, gel or acrylic nails and/or garishly coloured nail varnish. False eyelashes and fake tan are not permitted.

Tattoos

Tattoos are not permitted

Equipment

- All students are expected to come to the Academy with a pen, pencil, planner (the planner is supplied by the Academy) and a bag large enough to carry an A4 sized file.
- Tutors will carry out an equipment check every morning. Where a student repeatedly fails to bring the correct equipment to the Academy, his/her name will be passed on to the appropriate Student Services Officer. From then onwards the Student Services Officer will apply a range of sanctions to ensure that the student brings the correct equipment to the Academy. These sanctions might include detentions, parental contact, internal exclusions etc.

Mobile Phones, Smart Watches and MP3/Ipods

Mobile phones, Smart watches and MP3/Ipods should not be brought to the Academy. Should parents/carers wish for their child to carry a mobile phone for safety reasons it must be turned off and handed in to a Student Services Officer before the Academy day begins. The phone will be stored safely and returned to the student at the end of the day.