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## Uniform Policy

### Recognised Retailers

Academy branded / logo uniform (blazers, skirts, PE kit) can be purchased from the following retailer:

#### The Box

13 Towngate Ossett  
Wakefield  
WF5 9BL

Telephone: 01924 263030

Please note that a number of other retailers in the local area may try to sell **unofficial Ossett Academy branded uniform**. This includes supermarkets and high street shops that have a 'school uniform' section. Due to these circumstances, we would advise you **not to buy** from these retailers as the garments have not been quality assured by the academy and may not conform to our uniform standards.

Parents can buy "generic" uniform items e.g. shirts, socks, trousers from a range of retailers not listed above e.g. supermarkets.

### Uniform Support

The academy maintains a stock of second-hand uniform which is available for parents/carers upon request. The academy encourages all parents/carers to donate any outgrown or unwanted uniform items to this store if they are able.

### Uniform Rules

Ossett Academy strongly believes that pupils should be smartly dressed. We expect all our pupils to attend wearing the academy's uniform correctly. We believe that a uniform gives pupils' a pride in their appearance and a sense of belonging to the academy. Ossett Academy is a place of learning and it is important that pupils recognise the need for appropriate business dress.

Uniform checks take place daily, as pupils arrive at the academy, and throughout the day. Any pupil wearing items that do not conform to our policy will be asked to change into academy uniform. Pupils in non-regulation shoes / trainers are issued black shoes to wear instead. Pupils will be instructed to have their shirts tucked in and must not have their blazer sleeves rolled or pushed up. Pupils may be issued a sanction if they wear incorrect uniform or jewellery.

**Please note** Ossett Academy will reserve the right to ask a child to go home and change his / her uniform if it does not fulfil the criteria in this policy (subject to parental permission). In addition, failure



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to adhere to our uniform expectations can result in pupils being withdrawn from lessons until the issue is resolved.

It is strongly advised that all items of uniform have a clear name label sewn into the inside of each garment.

### Basic Uniform

Item	Compulsory item	Academy Logo	Notes
Blazer	✓	✓	Black. No other tops / sweatshirts can be worn. In warm weather conditions, blazers will be allowed to be removed at the Principal's discretion.
Skirt / Trousers	✓	✓ Skirt	Black Pinders / Banner skirt. Skirts must be A-line, of modest length, no more than 5 cm above the knee and not rolled over at the top or tied at the back.
		✗ Trousers	Black. Full length with no pattern in traditional style (not fashion items). Trousers in the style of jeans, chinos, jeggings, cropped, flared, skinny leg, denim, stretch or cord are not permitted.
Shirt	✓	✗	White. Long or short sleeved with a collar. Top button always fastened and tucked into skirts and trousers.
Tie	✓	✓	<b>Provided by the academy.</b> Different coloured tie per year group. Must be worn correctly; fastened to shirt at the collar.
Jumper	✗	✓	Black. Jumpers with the correct academy logo may be worn under blazers during colder months but these items are not compulsory.
Coat	✗	✗	A dark coloured outdoor coat may be worn outside on academy grounds but not inside the building. No scarves or gloves are permitted to be worn inside the building.
Shoes	✓	✗	Black. Plain, low-heeled, sensible shoes without embellishments or decorations. Boots, trainers, pumps, ballet pumps, open-toed shoes, sandals, very small stiletto-type heels, platform soles or backless shoes are not permitted. Trainers may only be worn if a doctor's note has been provided (a note from home will not be accepted).

### PE Kit

Item	Compulsory item	Academy Logo	Notes
Polo shirt	✓	✓	Navy / sky blue sports polo top.
Sports shorts/skirt leggings	✓	✗	Navy shorts / skirt or plain black / navy sports leggings. Fashion leggings are not permitted.
Sports socks	✓	✗	Navy sports socks.
Sports trainers	✓	✗	Sports trainers with non-marking soles. No large "brand" logos or bright colours.
Sport specific footwear	✗	✗	Sport specific footwear such as rugby boots, astro shoes, running spikes may be worn but are not compulsory items.
Base layer	✗	✗	Navy or black base layers can be worn but are not compulsory.
Tracksuit bottoms	✗	✗	Plain navy or black traditional cuffed tracksuit bottoms or performance fit slim athletic training pants may be worn but are not compulsory.
Sports waterproof	✗	✓	Navy waterproof pull over top with logo may be worn but is not compulsory. (Available from The Box with / without logo).
Towel	✗	✗	Optional for alternative weather.
Shin pads / Gum shield	✗	✗	Optional items recommended for football / rugby / hockey.

## Accessories

Item	Required	Notes
Socks / Tights	✓	Black socks or thick black tights.
Bag	✓	Ideally pupils should use a rucksack. Small underarm or cross body bags are not permitted or suitable for the academy day.
Lanyards	✓	The correct year group lanyard must always be worn during the academy day in and around the academy building. The pupil ID card must be clearly displayed in the lanyard.
Hat	✗	Baseball caps are not permitted anywhere on the academy site and no other hats should be worn inside. Pupils with a medical condition may wear a plain black baseball cap by arrangement only.
Jewellery / Watches	✗	<b>Jewellery is not permitted.</b> The only exception is one watch that is not a smart watch (which are prohibited). Body, mouth and facial piercings are not permitted, nor are clear piercings or retainers.

		<p>For health and safety reasons pupils will not be permitted to wear any other jewellery items.</p> <p>Parents are advised that any valuable items worn are at the owner's risk and that the academy takes no responsibility for the loss of any valuable items.</p>
Mobile Phones	✘	<p>We have established an Ossett Academy mobile phone and smart device etiquette. Unlike many other academies, we have chosen not to place a complete ban on mobile phones, instead, we allow pupils to have mobile phones switched off and in their bags during the academy day and only to be used as a tool for learning under the specific direction of a class teacher. We believe this will better allow us to safeguard pupils and limit their access to screen time. Mobile phones should be switched off, in pupils' bags and should not to be seen or heard in or around the academy.</p> <p>Where a pupil's mobile phone is seen or heard this will be confiscated until a parent can collect it.</p> <p>Headphones are prohibited in the academy.</p>

## Appearance

Item	Notes
Make-up	<p>Make-up, including false tan is not permitted. Pupils will be asked to remove make-up deemed to be inappropriate or excessive. This includes nail varnish and false nails. Nails must also be kept at a short length.</p> <p>Banned make-up includes false or extended eyelashes, sculpted or highly defined eyebrows, lipstick and contouring.</p>
Hairstyles	<p>Extreme hairstyles or colouring are not permitted and will be measured by what is appropriate in an academy environment. This includes shaved patterns, excessively short hair, or hair dyed in un-natural colours e.g. bright red / blue / green.</p> <p>If in doubt, please ask prior to a change of hairstyle.</p>
Denim	<p>Pupils are not permitted to wear denim items such as jackets, denim trousers / jeans or skirts anywhere on our site.</p>

## Other Essential Equipment:

In order to effectively support all pupils to meet our 'Standards for Success', we ask that all pupils arrive to the academy prepared for learning with the following items of essential equipment:

- Pupil Planner\*

- Pencil Case
- Ruler
- Purple Pen
- Black Pens
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Pencil Sharpener
- FX83GT or FX85GT Scientific Calculator
- Protractor and a pair of compasses
- Re-usable Drinking Water Bottle

\*Pupils will be supplied with an Ossett Academy planner. These must be kept in a respectful manner without pages being removed or graffiti added. Pupils will be expected to pay to replace any lost or defaced planners.

**All pupils must adhere to the academy rules as below:**

- If a pupil is unable to take part practically in PE due to a medical reason, written confirmation from a parent / carer is required to support this. Pupils will be given an alternative learning task such as officiating or analysing team performance. They will still be required to get changed into their full PE kit.
- The practical work in Dance / Gymnastic lessons is done in bare feet, unless there is a medical reason which requires the pupil to work in trainers. Written confirmation from a parent / carer is required to support this.
- All kit must be clearly labelled with a pupil's full name.
- Should a pupil forget their PE kit, they will be expected to change into a PE kit provided by the academy for the purpose of that lesson.
- Pupils with long hair should have this tied up during sporting activities.

Any queries in relation to uniform should be emailed to [enquiries@ossett.accordmat.org](mailto:enquiries@ossett.accordmat.org).