

HARRIS ACADEMY MERTON

STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY 2011-2012

Students will be expected to wear the Academy blazer and Faculty tie and be of smart and sensible appearance at all times. Individual fashion statements such as extreme hair styles or colours, designer shirts, trainers and decorated footwear are not permitted. No decorative attachments are to be worn in the hair. Hair bands must be plain black or white with a maximum of 50mm width. Tram-lines, mohicans or other shaved shapes in the hair and 'bar codes' in eyebrows are not permitted. Make-up and nail varnish or nail extensions must not be worn at any time. Tinted or cosmetic contact lenses and decorative dental wear are not permitted nor are bandannas, hoods, caps or hats.

By requiring students to wear the Academy uniform, it is intended to develop their sense of loyalty to the community of which they are members, and to encourage them to take a pride in their appearance. Students are expected to wear full Academy uniform on the way to and from the Academy. Jewellery and other forbidden items will be confiscated and only returned at the end of each half term. Post 16 students will be expected to dress formally in suits and to set an example to the younger students. (Refer to Post 16 Dress Code for full details).

Essential items of uniform, e.g. Blue blazer, faculty ties, PE shirts, aprons etc, are only available from the Academy.

A detailed list of uniform requirements can be found in every student's Planner (see Appendix 1).

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Appendix 1 Uniform Policy

	Description	Further Information	Supplier
Blazer	Navy blue with piping trim and badge	To be kept in a smart, clean appearance and worn during the day, as well as to and from the Academy, unless directed otherwise by staff. Only original buttons to be used to fasten – no safety pins etc. (The Academy keeps a stock of spare original buttons)	Harris Academy Merton
Trousers (Boys and girls)	Black, classic style, full length	No jeans, washed grey, navy blue, corduroy, jean-like material, high fashion trousers/leggings or shorts. Trousers should be worn with a secure fit around the waist. Belts should be black, demure and functional, no oversized buckles or clasps, studs or trimmings and not worn as a fashion accessory.	Any retailer
Skirt (Girls only)	Black, classic style, knee or calf length	Skirts should be made from traditional skirt material and not tight fitting. Slits should be minimal in length and functional, slide slits are not permissible. Skirts must be worn to their full length and not shortened by rolling them up at the waist.	Any retailer
Shirt	Plain white traditional school shirt	The shirt should be tucked in and closed/buttoned/fastened at the neck. Any polo-neck, T-shirt, vest or underwear worn underneath should not show or be visible through the shirt. No designer shirts or girls fitted blouses.	Any retailer
Tie	Faculty colour	Must be kept in good condition with colour visible in the stripes and worn with a closed knot covering the shirt collar button at the neck. Tie should be of appropriate length with at least four full stripes showing.	Harris Academy Merton
Tank Top	Navy blue with piping trim (optional)	Optional, but only the Academy version is to be worn. See attached sheet for sizes & price.	Harris Academy Merton
Socks	Black or white	Must be plain, no pattern designs and worn below the knee. No pop socks.	Any retailer
Tights (Girls only)	Plain natural or black	No footless, patterned or fishnet tights, leggings or legwarmers. Not to be worn with socks, leggings or legwarmers.	Any retailer
Shoes	Polished black, traditional style, black laces and stitching, black sole and heel	A plain design, no trimmings, logos, decorative buckles, coloured laces or stitching, labels, tags, or other decorations. No shoe/trainer cross footwear e.g. Prada. No trainers or fabric shoes, rugged hiking/work boots or knee-length boots. No Velcro fastening shoes.	Any retailer
Coat/Jacket	Academy outdoor jacket or plain black	Optional Academy outdoor jacket, see attached sheet for sizes and prices. Or plain black, no logo or pattern (from any retailer). No combination of fabric/knitted tops, cardigans, jumpers, sweatshirts, tracksuit tops, waistcoats, sleeveless or hooded tops, body warmers, denim jackets etc. are to be worn.	Harris Academy Merton
Scarf	Academy navy blue or plain black	Optional, Academy navy blue scarf, see attached sheet for price. Or plain black, no logo (from any retailer). If worn for religious reasons, head scarf should be plain black.	Harris Academy Merton
PE Polo Shirt	White	See attached sheet for sizes & price	Harris Academy Merton
PE Rugby Shirt	Navy blue	See attached sheet for sizes & price	Harris Academy Merton
PE Sweatshirt	Navy blue	Optional, but students can only wear the Academy sweatshirt during PE activities. See attached sheet for sizes & price	Harris Academy Merton
PE Shorts	Navy blue	See attached sheet for sizes & price	Harris Academy Merton
PE Socks	Navy blue	See attached sheet for sizes & price	Harris Academy Merton

PE Tracksuit Bottoms	Navy blue	Optional, but students can only wear the Academy tracksuit See attached sheet for sizes & price	Harris Academy Merton
PE Tracksuit Jacket	Navy Blue	Optional, but students can only wear the Academy tracksuit See attached sheet for sizes & price	Harris Academy Merton
PE Trainers	Any brand	Black or white trainers must have non-marking soles. Plimsolls must not be worn. Laces should be of the same colour as the trainers.	Any retailer
PE Football Boots	Any brand	Suitable for grass and Astro turf	Any retailer
Shin pads	Any brand	Compulsory for football	Any retailer
Gum shield	Any brand	Recommended for outdoor sports e.g. hockey & rugby	Any retailer
PE Bag	Black, drawstring	A black drawstring bag suitable for carrying kit. Plastic carrier bags, handbags and other inappropriate bags will not be permitted. See attached sheet for price.	Harris Academy Merton
Academy Bag	Black backpack with Academy logo or plain black backpack	Plastic carrier bags, handbags, purse bags, shoulder pouches and other inappropriate fashion bags will not be permitted. See attached sheet for price.	Harris Academy Merton
Umbrella	Telescopic, blue with Academy logo or plain blue	Optional, Academy blue umbrella, see attached sheet for price. Or plain blue, no logo (from any retailer). Only telescopic umbrellas may be brought on site and should be collapsed and stored in the student's bag during the day.	Harris Academy Merton

****All items of uniform should be clearly marked with the student's name****

FURTHER INFORMATION

Hair/Appearance	<p>Individual fashion statements such as extreme hair styles or colours are not permitted. Only black or white hair accessories are allowed. No decorative attachments to braids or extensions are to be worn in the hair. Tram lines, shaved shapes in the hair or 'bar codes' in eyebrows are not permitted. No visible makeup e.g. lip gloss, mascara and eye shadow, nail decorations, nail varnish, nail decorations or extensions are permitted. Tinted or cosmetic contact lenses and decorative dental wear are not permitted. No hoods, hats, caps or bandannas to be worn anywhere on the Academy site.</p>
Jewellery/Valuables	<p>No jewellery except for one wrist watch and a maximum of one small plain, gold or silver, round (no stones) stud earring in each ear. Nose studs, other forms of body piercing or visible tattoos are not permitted. No accessories are to be worn around the neck, wrists, ankles or attached to clothing. Large amounts of money and expensive personal effects should not be brought on site. The Academy will not accept liability for any claim arising from theft, accidental loss or damage to personal effects, money, belongings or clothing whilst on the premises. Mobile phones, personal stereos, MP3 players, pagers, computer games etc. must not be brought on site. Money should be kept in a purse or wallet. Confiscated items can be collected at the end of term.</p>
Jumpers	No pullovers, cardigans, sweatshirts, hoodies or waistcoats permitted other than the Academy tank top

GUIDANCE NOTES

The Uniform Policy is strict and consistently applied.

The policy encourages a sense of pride, belonging and loyalty to the community of which they are members. Students are expected to be smartly dressed at all times, including on their journey to and from the Academy.

Any potential inequalities and negative group allegiances are also eliminated by the uniform policy. When a student is not in full uniform or expected appearance they will not be permitted to attend lessons. In such cases students will, with parental consent, be sent home to change, or alternatively undertake supervised work within the Student Referral Centre until the correct uniform is brought to them, or until the student is of correct appearance. If in any doubt about the details of the uniform policy, and to save time and anguish, please contact the Academy. It is better to check than to rely on assurances from students which are often incorrect.