

29 April 2026

Dear families

RE: Uniform changes

We are writing to inform you of a change to our school uniform policy, which will come into effect from **September 2026**.

Following feedback from both students and parents, we have reviewed our current uniform expectations and feel that this change is a positive and practical way to move forward. **From September**, blazers will no longer be a compulsory part of our school uniform.

Instead, all students will be required to wear a school jumper. Jumpers may be grey, black, or maroon, allowing families some flexibility while maintaining a smart and consistent appearance across the school.

We fully appreciate that blazers will already have been purchased for some students, particularly new Year 7 students, and that some families may have recently bought new blazers which still have a couple of years' wear remaining. To recognise this, we will be introducing a phased transition period.

- Students in Years 7 to 9 will have the option of wearing either an academy blazer **or** jumper during this transition period.
- These year groups may continue to wear a blazer until it needs replacing, at which point it should be replaced with a jumper rather than a new blazer.
- The new Year 7 cohort starting in September 2026 will be expected to purchase a jumper instead of a blazer as part of their uniform.

We believe this approach is fair, financially considerate, and reflects the feedback we have received from our school community.

Footwear

As part of our ongoing work to ensure our uniform is practical, consistent and suitable for the school environment, we are updating our footwear expectations for all students.

Students will be required to wear 'all-black footwear'. This means we are moving away from compulsory traditional school shoes and allowing a wider range of styles, provided they meet the following criteria:

- Footwear must be entirely black, including soles, stitching, logos and laces.
- Shoes must be flat, sturdy, supportive and appropriate for a school setting, enabling students to move safely around the site.
- Sports-style shoes are permitted, as long as they are fully black and meet the standards above.
- Students can continue to wear traditional school shoes if preferred
- To support families, there are some clear examples and non-examples of acceptable footwear so you can make informed choices when purchasing new shoes. These examples will also be shared with students in morning meeting.

Examples



Non-Examples



KS3 Uniform

The full KS3 uniform is as follows:

- Plain black, tailored school **trousers**.
- Plain white collared shirt.
- **Academy tie** A choice of four are on offer, students are free to choose which tie they prefer.
- **Academy jumper** A choice of three are on offer, students are free to choose which colour they prefer.
- **Socks** must be plain black in colour, bows on socks are not permitted.

KS4 Uniform

As a reminder, our KS4 uniform is as follows:

- All students will be required to wear a shirt or a blouse that has a full collar and has full shoulders. **Shirts** must be plain, and cuffs and collars must match the colour of the shirt. **Plain blouses** are allowed but must be appropriate for a school setting.
- **Suits (jacket and trousers)** must be plain grey, navy, or black. No contrasting panels are allowed, and suits must be a slim, classic, or regular fit (skinny fit suits are not permitted).
- **Blazers** should be worn at all times when moving around the academy.
- **KS4 students** are to wear a claret tie with a shirt.
- **Jumpers** may be worn, but sweatshirts and branded sweaters are not permitted.

Please note: Any student failing to adhere to this new policy from September 2026 will be provided with an appropriate shirt and tie from our uniform store to ensure compliance during the school day.

For all students

- **PE kit** consists of a grey polo shirt featuring the Academy logo. From September 2026, all students will be allowed to wear plain black shorts, tech pants or leggings. The grey zip top, skort, shorts and tech pants with academy logo will remain as optional items for students. Appropriate sports trainers must be worn.
- **Bags** are crucial for Key Stage 4. They must be big enough to carry an A4 booklet and other revision materials.
- **Jewellery** A pair of ear studs, a watch and a single nose piercing (not hoop) are the only permitted items of jewellery. Please note that false nails are not allowed.

To assist families in preparing for the new academic year, we will be providing support in the following ways:

- Opportunities to purchase second-hand uniform items at reduced costs, where available. If your child has clothes in good condition they have outgrown, these can be donated to our on-site uniform shop.
- Visit the online uniform shop at <https://debonairschoolwearwythenshawe.co.uk/>
- Full uniform details can be found on our website at <https://www.dixonsbk.com/about/uniform>

We encourage families to begin planning for this change to ensure a smooth transition by September 2026. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's **Year Group Director of Standards** or **Welfare Coordinator**, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about this change, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Gardner
Principal