



Aston Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: the Academic Year 2016/2017

As we enter the final half term of this academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support. We believe that a positive home-academy relationship is crucial if we are to ensure that your children achieve the best that they can.

As always your support is crucial in ensuring that the start of each academic year is as productive as possible. Could we therefore take this opportunity to remind you about some of the academy expectations in order that the start of this year begins as smoothly as possible.

Can we firstly remind you that the new academic year is due to commence for our new Y7 on Wednesday 7th September at 8 40am and for the rest of the students at 10 15am. Y13 enrolment will also commence on this day. We also remind you of the following:

Punctuality:

The first lesson of the day commences at 8 40am. At this time students should be seated in their classrooms ready to learn. Could we therefore ask that you ensure that **your child is on site by 8 30am**. This will then give them time to make their way to their period 1 classroom. As you will appreciate, students arriving late are not only missing out on valuable learning but also disrupt the flow of the lesson for others. Students are asked not to enter via the car park entrance due to safety reasons.

Equipment:

To also ensure that students make the most of their lesson time, they should arrive suitably equipped. They should carry a bag large enough to take several A4 exercise books and will need a pencil case containing a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber. These items are currently on sale in many stationery shops and supermarkets at a reduced price. It would also be useful if students had their own calculator, (which can also be purchased at a reduced rate through the academy) compass and angle measurer; especially for studying numeracy based subjects. All these items can be purchased from the school stationery shop.

Uniform:

Purchasing new uniform over the summer, we appreciate can be costly, so we would like to take this opportunity to remind you again of what is deemed to be acceptable in line with the academy policy. A uniform is very important so that students feel a sense of identity and pride in their school community. We hope the attached sheet will help you to identify which style of trousers, shoes and skirts are in line with policy. (We are aware that many supermarkets, Matalan, Marks and Spencer and other such stores do stock this type of uniform).



All adults in school have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Increasingly this year we have seen 'fashion' trousers being worn in the academy which are either made from a 'jeans' type material, are too tight or are tapered towards the bottom of the leg, not allowing a winter boot to be worn underneath them. **Such trousers will NOT be allowed this September.** If you have any questions about uniform regulations then please seek clarification prior to purchase.

Can we please also ask that students **DO NOT attend the academy wearing make-up, jewellery, baseball caps or shoes/trainers which have flashing or trims on them.** Again, these will not be acceptable in September.

An increasing number of students are also attending the academy wearing nose studs, tongue studs and other piercings. **These are not allowed, neither is the wearing of a clear 'plug'.** This is for health and safety reasons. Should your child attend with such a piercing then we will contact you to ask for your support in ensuring this is **removed immediately.**

PE Kit:

Similarly to the wearing of the school uniform, the wearing of our PE kit shows preparedness and a sense of team spirit. Again we ask that you support us by ensuring that your child has the appropriate indoor/outdoor kit as described on the flyer attached. If your child forgets their kit we do have freshly laundered items which they can borrow.

I do hope that you appreciate this timely reminder regarding some of our expectations. We really do want to avoid you purchasing costly items which may not then be in line with our policies.

If you would like further information regarding any of this information then do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to working with you during the academic year 2016/2017.

Yours faithfully,



Josie Sanigar

Associate Principal



Dominic Curran

Associate Principal

Academy Uniform Policy

The wearing of a uniform is very important to ensure that students feel a sense of identity and pride in their school community. All students at Aston Academy are expected to follow our uniform expectations.

At Aston Academy our uniform consists of the following:

- Black blazer with academy badge. Blazer must be single breasted with a front pocket for the badge on the left side. The blazer must be plain black.
- White shirt with collar, short or long sleeved, tucked into trousers/skirt.
- Academy tie.
- Plain black skirt. This should be approximately knee length. Short/mini-skirts will not be allowed.
- Plain black tailored trousers suitable so that a shirt can be tucked into them. The following will not be allowed: Jeans, tight leggings/jeggings, cords, combat trousers, tracksuit bottoms, flares, decorated trousers and ski pants.
- Plain black 'V' neck jumper may be worn under the blazer in cold weather.
- Sensible low heeled plain black footwear. The following are **NOT** acceptable: shoes or trainers with flashings or trims, stilettos or shoes with high heels over 3-4cm, sandals, open-toed shoes, sling back or backless shoes. Students are permitted to wear low heeled plain black boots during winter months. However, trousers must be worn outside of the boots.
- Religious headwear must be black.
- **BASEBALL CAPS MUST NOT BE WORN OR BROUGHT INTO THE ACADEMY.** A woolly hat may be worn to travel to and from the academy in cold weather but **NO HATS** are to be worn inside the academy.
- Non-uniform jumpers or sweatshirts **MUST NOT BE WORN** instead of a coat or jacket.

The following is not acceptable for the academy:

Hair dyed in bright colours
Coloured nail varnish/false nails
Shaved heads including hair patterns

Students must have:

A dark coloured, waterproof, "over the shoulder bag"
A separate plastic bag for games kit
Basic equipment e.g. pen, pencil etc

Jewellery Should not be worn, with the exception of a watch and **1 pair of ear studs**
- **nose studs, tongue studs and other piercings are not allowed.**
Ear studs should not be worn in the upper ear.

Make-up Should not be worn.

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| PE Kit | Boys | Plain white T-shirt | Girls | Plain white T-shirt |
| | | Plain black shorts | | Black gym skirt or shorts |

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| Outdoor kit | Gold/Black Rugby shirt for Y7 & Y8 (Boys and Girls) | | | |
| | Red Aston polo shirts and red hooded top for Y9 10 11 (Boys and Girls) | | | |
| | Black shorts, black socks | | | |
| | Training and football boots (Boys and Girls) | | | |

The following are not allowed and should not be brought into the academy:
Aerosols, tobacco, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigarette lighters or knives of any description.

Mobile phones should be switched off during lessons.

Academy Uniform Policy

Girls Uniform



Academy blazer with 'V' neck jumper



Plain black tailored trousers (no jeans, leggings, tight or tapered trousers)



Plain black knee length skirt



Plain black footwear (no trims or flashings)

Boys Uniform



Academy blazer



Plain black tailored trousers (no jeans, tight or tapered)



Plain black footwear (no trims or flashings)

PE Kit



Indoor



Outdoor (Y7 & Y8)



Outdoor (Y9, Y10 & Y11)

Pencil Case



*Containing:
Pen, pencil, rubber,
ruler, calculator,
compass and angle
measurer*