



Oasis Academy Coulsdon Uniform, Equipment and Rules for Appearance

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This policy should be read alongside the OAC Behaviour for learning policy, which includes more detail around how the Academy will handle uniform infractions.

Introduction

Oasis Academy Coulsdon require all students to wear uniform without exception. A uniform helps to give unity and identification to an Academy; it can make less obvious the different financial circumstances of parents and is a protection for both parents and students from the temptations of temporary extremes of fashion. The uniform is compulsory and available for purchase from the Academy uniform supplier, Hewett's of Croydon.

Parents/Carers must ensure their son/daughter dresses according to the uniform list. Medical conditions are the only acceptable reasons why a student will be allowed to wear a deviation from our uniform policy for an extended period of time. Any deviation from the uniform policy requires communication from home explaining the reason and a timeline for it to be rectified.

Any student failing to attend the Academy in appropriate uniform without an acceptable reason will face the consequence laid out in the Academy's Behaviour Policy.

The Academy will maintain a small stock of clean spare uniform for students to borrow if required.

Rules concerning appearance

1. No make up (including false eyelashes)
2. No jewellery is to be worn (with the exception of a wristwatch but not including smart watches). Clear acrylic studs are permitted, but we request they are not worn if not necessary.
3. Any items of jewellery will receive a demerit and will need to be removed. Refusal to remove the jewellery or persistently wearing items of jewellery will result in additional consequences and confiscation.
4. Every article of uniform must be marked with the student's name.
5. Each student must be responsible for his/her own clothing.
6. Clothing must not be left in school overnight.
7. Coats should be plain black or navy blue only.
8. Outdoor wear must not be worn inside the Academy building.
9. No hooded tops or bandanas are to be brought into the Academy.
10. Nail varnish and/or fake nails are not allowed.
11. Trainers may only be worn on PE days and at break times.
12. Headscarves should be plain blue or black.

Hair must be appropriate for the Academy, presentable and safe. The following applies:

- a) Long hair should be tied back with a plain black, navy blue or green hair band for all practical subjects.
- b) Hair must not be dyed in anyway other than natural hair colours. Coloured streaks in hair are not permissible.
- c) Hair must not be shaved below a 2 grade.
- d) Tracks, tramlines, designs, Mohawks or steps are not allowed.
- e) Tracks or lines are not to be shaved into eyebrows.

Academy Uniform: May 2024

It is the policy of the Academy that all students wear the official Academy uniform and follow the expectations regarding appearance. We expect our students to wear the full Academy uniform with pride. We are preparing students for the world of work and we must all appreciate that standards of dress and appearance are important.

Uniform is not intended to be a fashion statement and the wearing of correct, full uniform is not negotiable. All uniform should be clearly and indelibly named.

Students are permitted to wear their PE kit on days that they have a practical PE lesson, this does not include theory PE for students studying GCSE PE. If a student chooses to wear their PE kit for the academy day, they are still required to have and wear their blazer.

Below is a list of all compulsory and optional uniform for students. All starred* uniform is branded and must be purchased from Hewitt's of Croydon. All other items which are not marked with a star* may be purchased from either Hewitt's as Academy branded items, or as plain alternatives (no non-academy branding is permitted with the exception of trainers) from a shop of your choice.

The following items are compulsory for all students:

- Black **blazer** with Academy embroidered badge attached to the left breast pocket*
- House colour ribbon on breast pocket (supplied by the Academy)
- White **shirt** with a top button suitable to be worn with a tie
- School **tie*** (Green - Y7 & Y8, Blue - Y9 & Y10, Black - Y11)
- Black formal pleated school knee length **skirt**[^], black tailored **trousers**, or formal black knee length **shorts**
- Black formal polishable **shoes** (canvas plimsolls, boots of any kind, and trainers are not permitted)
- Hair tie/band to secure long hair
- An unbreakable reusable 500ml **water bottle**

[^]Skirts must be as per the pre-approved style on the [Hewitt's](#) website. Skirts do not need to be purchased from Hewitt's, but they must be in line with the approved style.

The following items are optional for all students:

- Sensible waterproof warm **coat** (recommended for colder/winter months)
- Black V-neck cotton **jumper** with Academy logo embroidered* or plain V-neck jumper with no alternative branding

~~~**Under no circumstances are hoodies permitted as part of any uniform**~~~

## PE Kit Expectations

On days where students have PE on their timetable, students should attend school wearing their PE kit. This must include:

- Navy **PE polo shirt** with Academy logo embroidered\*
- Navy Academy **training shorts**\* or plain navy training shorts with no other brand logos (cycling shorts are not acceptable)
- White ankle or Navy football **socks** (depending on indoor or outdoor PE)
- **Sports Trainers**- no plimsolls for health and safety reasons, and we ask that black soles are avoided so as to avoid marking the sports hall floor

- **Blazer**- students must wear their normal blazer to school daily, including over the top of PE kit on PE days. This will be removed for PE lessons.

Depending on the PE lesson (teachers will confirm in advance), students should also bring with them:

- Studded **football boots**
- **Shin pads**
- **Gum shield**

Optional items to be worn over the top of polo shirts and shorts (for example in winter for warmth) are:

- Navy Academy **games jersey** (especially recommended for students who wish to take part in football and rugby clubs) or 1/4 zip top or plain navy sweatshirt with no alternative branding
- Navy Academy **tracksuit training bottoms\*** or plain navy-blue tracksuit bottoms with no sports branding (leggings are not permitted)

During colder weather when PE is outdoors, students may be permitted to keep tracksuit bottoms and jerseys/zip tops/plain sweatshirts on during PE lessons. However, in warmer weather and for indoor PE, students will be expected to remove these items and to only wear polo shirts and shorts.

Regular uniform items, for example black V-neck jumpers, are not permitted to be worn during PE lessons. If students wish to wear an additional layer over the top of their polo shirt to keep warm in cold weather, this must be an item from the PE kit list (e.g. games jersey, 1/4 zip top, or plain navy sweatshirt).

## Daily Equipment

Students should all have the following with them every day:

- A strong bag appropriate for its purpose and large enough to fit an A4 notebook/pad in it
- An unbreakable reusable 500ml water bottle
- A clear pencil case (enabling staff to see contents clearly which will be useful for exams at a later date)
- Pens – multiple black, blue, and green pens (spare pens should always be brought to school in case any run out during the day)
- Plain and coloured pencils - felt tips are not advisable
- Highlighter
- Pencil sharpener
- Protractor
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Calculator
- An A4 sketch book (not required if students are not taking Art at GCSE)
- Reading book
- Fully charged iPad

Senior staff conduct equipment and uniform checks each morning at the main gate. Students are expected to arrive equipped to learn. Any student failing to bring adequate equipment will receive a demerit.

## iPads

Students are issued with an iPad when they join the Academy. These form an integral part of their learning in the classroom and at home. Students will access their homework, classwork, and revision resources through their iPad, and they will be directed on which apps to download from the Oasis app store in order to access everything they need.

It is therefore essential that students bring their iPad, fully charged, daily to the Academy. Students will not have the opportunity to charge iPads at school and so this must be done at home, we recommend overnight.

Please see the OAC Horizon Policy for further information on the terms and conditions of the Horizon Project, as well as the OAC Behaviour for Learning Policy for further information on how the Academy will manage misuse use of student i-pads.

## Prohibited Items

To ensure the Academy is safe and effective learning environment, the following items are banned from the school premises:

- Fire lighting equipment (matches, lighters, etc.)
- Drugs and alcohol (including any paraphernalia used to consume drugs or alcohol)
- Electronic cigarettes (e-cigs), vapes, or traditional cigarettes
- Solvents (deodorants, perfume, and aftershave)
- Metal combs
- Weapons or any items that could be used to cause harm or damage to the building. These could be, but are not limited to: razors, laser pens, chemicals, fireworks, bats, spray-paint.
- Items that could distract the classroom or negatively impact the community such as water guns, gunpowder bangers, stick bombs.
- Chewing gum
- Large portions of sugary food or drinks
- Caffeinated energy drinks
- Large amounts of money
- Hoodies
- Offensive materials containing pornographic or discriminatory content
- Nuts

Any student caught with a prohibited item will face the consequence laid out in the Academy's Behaviour Policy.