



GREENWOOD DALE FOUNDATION TRUST

HOUGHTON REGIS ACADEMY

Academy Uniform Policy

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The Academy Uniform Policy

The Houghton Regis Academy has strict guidelines on Academy dress and all pupils are expected to wear the full Academy uniform.

The wearing of our distinctive uniform gives pupils a sense of 'belonging', helps foster pride in the Academy and stop pupils coming to the Academy in inappropriate clothing or footwear.

There is a smart and distinctive uniform for each phase of education in the Academy, from year 6 to 9 and the basic requirements must always be adhered to.

The Principal and members of staff will constantly check that the uniform is being worn properly. At all times shirts must be properly tucked in, shirt top buttons done up and ties properly knotted and in place. Parents are requested, therefore, to ensure that shirts purchased have collars large enough to be fastened comfortably.

These basic requirements are:

- Shoes must be black, sensible ones for Academy use, flat soled or with very low heels no more than two centimetres high. **No boots or trainers are allowed.**
- Any pupil with long hair must have it tied back at all times whilst on the Academy site. Excessive hair styles are strongly discouraged and decisions about the suitability of an individual style are the responsibility of the Principal, whose decision will be final. 'Cuts' of any shape or design are not allowed, nor are multiple hair colours
- Academy trousers and tailored knee length skirts must be modest enough to be worn on the Academy site and have a high enough waistband to ensure shirts can be properly tucked in. Skirts must be no shorter than knee length and trousers must not be tight fitting or 'skinny' fit. Wide belts are not allowed
- Jewellery is not allowed, except for one pair of small plain gold or silver coloured ear studs worn in the earlobe. Ear-rings, rings, nose studs or other facial jewellery, nail varnish and make-up are not allowed.

THE ACADEMY TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST OR STOLEN JEWELLERY AS IT IS NOT ALLOWED ON THE ACADEMY SITE.

- Pupils are expected to wear the Academy uniform when travelling to and from the Academy, at all Academy functions and on visits by parties or games teams.

All pupils should have a warm coat for the journey to and from the Academy and between classroom blocks. Denim coats, hoodies or body warmer style coats and caps are not allowed.

- Parents are strongly advised to supervise the purchase of all clothing which is to be worn on the Academy site and when there is doubt, to check in advance with the Principal to find out whether or not a particular item will be acceptable. The Principal's decision about uniform issues is binding and final.

The Academy uniform is available from the Academy's outfitters, Price and Buckland, whose details appear on our website at www.houghtonregisacademy.org/uniform

Uniform for Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9

- Sensible black shoes (not boots or trainers)
- Plain white shirt (not polo shirts)
- Academy tie
- Black trousers or skirt (jeans and cords are not allowed)
- Academy V-necked pullover in purple, with the Academy logo
- Black or grey socks with trousers, white socks or neutral or black tights with skirts
- Some pupils may wish to wear a Salwar Kameez, in Academy purple. The Kameez must be at least knee length.

Uniform for Pupils in Years 10 and 11

- Sensible black shoes (not boots or trainers)
- Plain white shirt (not polo shirts)
- Academy tie
- Black trousers or skirt (jeans and cords are not allowed)
- Academy V-necked pullover in black, with the Academy logo
- Black or grey socks with trousers, white socks, neutral or black tights with skirts
- Some pupils may wish to wear a Salwar Kameez, in black. The Kameez must be at least knee length.

PE Kit

- Black Academy track suit bottoms with grey stripe
- Black short-sleeved sports shirt with purple panels and Academy logo. This item can be a fitted or unisex fit
- Black long-sleeved reversible sports shirt with purple panels and Academy logo
- Suitable trainers or other PE footwear.

Other Information

Use and Replacement of Uniform Items.

The uniform items purchased for pupils by the Academy are intended only for Academy wear.

The replacement cost of lost or damaged uniform items are the responsibility of the parent. The Academy will not purchase additional items for individual pupils.

The Academy reserves the right to change uniform specifications without notice, whilst guaranteeing no additional costs to parents within any one academic year.

In circumstances where a pupil has a disability or special need affecting the wearing of Academy uniform as described above, parents should make an appointment to discuss this with the Principal. The Principal will expect evidence of a diagnosed disability from an appropriate professional.