



Wigston Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some of the changes to the uniform policy. We are very proud of our community at Wigston Academy and want all our young people to show that they are too, by wearing our uniform with pride. Following consultation with our student leadership team and school councils we are making the following changes to our uniform policy.

Until now, students wear different ties in KS3 and KS4, however from August 2021 we intend to extend the senior tie (KS4) into Year 9. This means students in Years 7 and 8 will wear the junior clip on tie, and Years 9, 10 and 11 will wear the self-tie senior tie. I would like to remind you that you can buy ties from Uniform Direct or from the Academy reception.

Junior Ties – £4

Senior Ties – £4

Badges – £4.50

The second change is that we intend to continue with the policy of allowing students to attend school in PE kit if they have PE on that day. This means the PE kit now becomes an essential part of the uniform and students will be expected to wear the branded corporate, PE kit on these days. We have worked hard to source good quality and affordable PE kit from Uniform Direct: <https://www.uniform-direct.com/acatalog/Wigston-Academy.html> with our PE kit being amongst the cheapest in the county. We would therefore encourage you to start planning for this now.

We are aware that most families will choose to renew uniform and equipment for their children during a school holiday. For this reason, we are taking this opportunity to highlight these changes and to remind you of our school uniform policy now, so that you have time to plan and purchase any items required. Please do get in touch if this presents any financial challenges for your family as we may be able to agree a reasonable approach that takes your particular circumstances into account.

With thanks in anticipation of your support in these areas.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Leatherland
Deputy Headteacher

Wigston Academy PE Kit Uniform 2021-2022

Changes

- Wigston Academy PE kit on the days they have PE lessons.
- Students MUST wear school branded PE top and plain black bottoms.

PE Uniform: Mandatory (school t-shirt plus and school top layer):



- Students will be expected to wear **plain** black tracksuit bottoms, sports leggings or shorts if they do not want to wear the school branded bottoms.
- PE uniform can be sources from Uniform Direct: <https://www.uniform-direct.com/acatalog/Wigston-Academy.html>

Wigston Academy Uniform Policy

Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform must be worn as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Blazer – see below ○ Tie ○ Shirt tucked in ○ Trousers, not jeans ○ Skirt – See below ○ All black footwear
Blazers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blazers are part of the School uniform and should be worn at all times, unless directed by a member of staff or during social time.
Skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skirts are to be knee-length, of a traditional style and made of standard school skirt fabric. The following are not allowed: Lycra skirts, netted skirts, denim skirts, tight skirts, skirts with any patterns, skirts with rivets or frills or skirts which follow a current trend
Trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trousers are to be tailored and of a traditional style, made of standard school trouser fabric. The following are not allowed: jeans, denim trousers, trousers with rivets, trousers with low waist, trousers which are tight on the legs, leggings, trousers which are not full length, trousers which follow a current trend, cords, culottes, ski pants, trousers with large buckles, frills or fashion accessories.
Coats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not be worn in lessons. • No coats or jackets to be worn under blazers. • Hoods on coats should not be worn inside.
Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can wear jewellery as long as it does not distract from learning. • Silicon wristbands to support charities are allowed. • Although wristwatches are allowed in most lessons, these have to remain the responsibility of the students. • Jewellery must be removed for PE or other activities as directed. • Smart Watches are not permitted.
Facial piercings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single pair of small stud earrings (or just one) is allowed. • One stud in the nose is allowed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other piercings are not acceptable. • Piercings must be removed for PE or other activities as directed.
Nails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fake or extended nails are not allowed.
Make-up and hair styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural or discreet make up only. Hairstyles (and accessories) should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. Colouring is only allowed if it is of a single normal hair colour, although natural-colour highlights are acceptable.
Phones and Earphones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should not be seen during the school hours of 8.25am - 3pm or in a detention. • If they are seen, they will be taken and handed into reception; to duty staff or to a head of year. • If seen before or after school, students will be advised to put them away.