

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear parents and carers,

### Uniform Expectations

At Kirk Hallam Community Academy, we have high expectations of ourselves and each other. We believe that taking responsibility for choices and actions is an important life skill and character trait.



Our continued use of our Character Card is an opportunity to acknowledge students for their positive demonstration of character, and it is a pleasure to be greeted by so many polite, friendly and helpful students every day. When a Character Card is full of positive points, each card is added to a year group prize draw where the winner receives a voucher.

To raise standards and expectations at the academy, we continue to drive on our Responsibility Foundations, one of which is the standard of uniform and ensuring that it meets our high expectations. A full overview of our uniform (which remains unchanged) can be found here on our website: <https://www.kirkhallamacademy.co.uk/page.php?p=uniform>

### Compulsory items at a glance

- Plain white shirt with stiff collar, buttoned to the neck and tucked in (can be short or long sleeved).
- Plain black trousers made from tailored material
- Black skirt, either Kirk Hallam Community Academy School Skirt or knee length stitched down pleated skirt
- Kirk Hallam Community Academy branded blazer and tie
- Plain black formal leather shoes with a stepped heel
- Plain black socks
- A school bag suitable in size to carry books and equipment

### Compulsory equipment at a glance

- Pen (black or blue) green pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, sharpener and a pencil case to carry it in

### Optional uniform items, at a glance

- A black, plain woollen jumper with a v-neck, worn under the blazer with tie visible.
- Black tights

### Items which are not permitted

- Hooded tops, sweatshirts, zippered sports jackets or jumpers worn over blazers.

Uniform is an integral part of school life at Kirk Hallam. We take pride in our uniform as this creates a sense of belonging and pride in our school. Hooded tops of any type are not permitted and cannot be used as a replacement to a coat.

So many of our students always look incredibly smart and take pride in their appearance. Over the next three weeks, we will be further improving our standards of uniform. As well as acknowledging positive behaviours, Character Cards are also used to capture behaviours that fall below our high expectations. General uniform infringements, for example not wearing a tie or having a shirt untucked attracts one negative point. A full Character Card of negative points (5 points in total) attracts an after-school detention on a Tuesday for Years 7-9 and a Wednesday for Years 10 and 11.

### Uniform support

Given the national cost of living crisis, we are very aware that finances may be an issue for some individuals and families, and we are committed to supporting parents/carers as much as possible. Should any families experience any barriers to meeting uniform expectations, please contact the academy at your earliest convenience before the half term holiday. This can be done via a simple form which can be accessed below and we will contact you to discuss how we can assist you. If you have children in more than one year group, please complete a form for each.

Year 7	<a href="https://forms.office.com/e/NYhkBbDQfd">https://forms.office.com/e/NYhkBbDQfd</a>
Year 8:	<a href="https://forms.office.com/e/38t7Dm3jiL">https://forms.office.com/e/38t7Dm3jiL</a>
Year 9:	<a href="https://forms.office.com/e/Zqdhiq2j3w">https://forms.office.com/e/Zqdhiq2j3w</a>
Year 10	<a href="https://forms.office.com/e/x1W8V43Zzi">https://forms.office.com/e/x1W8V43Zzi</a>
Year 11	<a href="https://forms.office.com/e/SJUrXYqxst">https://forms.office.com/e/SJUrXYqxst</a>

**From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, there must be no serious uniform infringements (for example wearing trainers, hoodies, tight fitting/stretch trousers or skirts) and any students with uniform infringements will be sanctioned accordingly.**

I appreciate your support as we continue to make our academy a truly ambitious and aspirational learning community.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Lloyd-Jones  
Deputy Headteacher