



26th April 2024

Re: Updated Uniform for September 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

I am writing to inform you of our updated Uniform Policy, effective from September 2024. As you will be aware, last Autumn a consultation was held with students, parents and other stakeholders regarding the uniform that all secondary students across Wickersley Partnership Trust (WPT) wear.

The results of this consultation were announced in November, and, working alongside WPT, we have been busy working with our suppliers to finalise and formalise our new uniform. **May I take this opportunity to emphasise that all jumpers and cardigans purchased from this point on must have the purple and white stripes to the neckline.**

We firmly believe that school uniform allows equality and fairness for all, and that it prepares young people for the world of work, having a positive influence on student behaviour and fostering a sense of belonging and community, whilst eliminating social class stigma.

From September 2024, our uniform policy is as follows:

School Uniform

- Black 'v neck' jumper with white/lilac piping to neck line and TGA/WPT logos, or
- **NEW** black cardigan with white/lilac piping and TGA/WPT logos
- TGA clip-on tie
- White button-up shirt
- Plain black tailored trousers, or
- Plain black skirt*, or
- Plain black tailored shorts*
- Plain black leather shoes or plain black leather trainers#

*Skirts and shorts can be worn throughout the year, but must be knee-length. Skirts must not be the lycra 'tube' type and must be worn with black socks or tights. Shorts must be worn with black socks.

#Footwear must be suitable, plain black and show no other colours or embellishments / logos. During the winter months, flat-heeled ankle boots or winter boots are allowed, but these must also be plain black.

PE Uniform

- **NEW** black and purple PE t-shirt with TGA logo
- Plain black hoodie or sweatshirt
- Plain black PE style shorts, or
- Plain black sports bottoms / leggings
- (Optional) plain black base layer
- Trainers*

*No pumps, slip-ons, sliders or flip-flops etc

We have taken the decision to no longer allow the printing of student names or initials on PE t-shirts. This is due to safeguarding concerns, and to increase the ability for school to recycle school uniform through our Uniform Bank.

Use of Existing Uniform

We recognise that updating the school uniform may incur an initial extra cost for families. For this reason, students in Year 8-11 are able to keep using existing uniform items purchased prior to September 2024 for the 2024-25 academic year only. This includes existing black 'v neck' jumpers that do not have the white/lilac piping to the neck line, as well as logo'd PE shorts, school trousers and PE hoodies. Please note that the old TGA school blazer will no longer be permitted to be worn from September 2024. All students must be in the fully updated uniform by September 2025.

As a reminder, extreme hair styles and colours are not allowed. Make-up should be discreet and kept at a minimum. False eyelashes and fingernails are not allowed, and nails should be kept at a neutral colour. Jewellery should be kept to a minimum, with no more than one small earring, sleeper or stud per ear, with other facial or body piercings not allowed on school grounds.

Uniform Bank

May I take this opportunity to remind you that we operate a Uniform Bank. The scheme gives families suffering financial hardships the opportunity to receive pre-loved uniform for free. If you have uniform that you are able to donate, please drop it off at reception. We are always on the lookout for school jumpers and cardigans, button-up shirts, trousers, skirts and shorts, ties, PE kit including t-shirt and shorts, coats, and bags.

Families in need can request the use of our Uniform Bank via the WPT website: <https://wickersleypt.org/about-us/uniform>

Uniform Suppliers

We would like to thank our uniform suppliers for working with us throughout the consultation and implementation process. School uniform can be purchased from the following uniform suppliers (in alphabetical order):

Pinder's Schoolwear

Old Town Hall, <https://pindersschoolwear.com/schools/222/GainsboroughAcademy>
1 Howard Street, 0114 251 3275
Rotherham
S65 1JQ

Uniform Direct

9 Market Street, <https://www.uniform-direct.com/acatalog/The-Gainsborough-Academy.html>
Gainsborough 01427 616105
DN21 2BL

Please check with suppliers for stock levels – some new items may not be available to purchase until May half term.

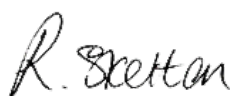
Required branded items are limited to the school 'v neck' jumper (or cardigan) with logos, and the school PE t-shirt with logo. All other items are non-branded and can be purchased from the above uniform suppliers or any clothing retailer, including, but not limited to, Next, M&S, Asda and Tesco.

More Information

A leaflet showcasing our new uniform policy is attached to this letter. To view the full Uniform Policy, and for more information on our uniform, please visit our website: <https://thegainsboroughacademy.org.uk/parents/uniform/>

Thank you for supporting the school and Trust as we strive to send all children into an ever-changing world, able and qualified to play their full part in it.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Skelton
Headteacher, The Gainsborough Academy



Uniform Policy from September 2024



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See our website for full details of our uniform policy:
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