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Uniform Expectations

Dear Parent / Carer,

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- Full school uniform including the blazer must be always worn and in all areas of the academy (with permission, learners are allowed to take off their blazer in lessons). In warmer weather, learners are permitted to carry their blazer around school.
- Learners must only wear black trousers or skirts. **Trousers should be tailored (not stretch) and full length, reaching the bottom of the ankles. They should have some give around the ankles for comfort. Piping on trousers is not permitted.**
- If a learner wears a skirt it must reach at least the top of the knee at all times including when walking (it is unacceptable for the skirt only to be the correct length if the learner pulls it down). A variety of skirt styles are permitted within school including box pleats, A-line and pencil – stretch skirts are not permitted. Leggings, denim and jeans are also not permitted. Some learners may wear a plain black Shalwar Kameez.
- Learners are permitted to wear knitted V-neck jumpers alongside their blazers, but these jumpers should not be considered a substitute for them.
- Learners are to wear formal, smart, black leather or patent shoes. Learners are not permitted to wear trainers or other canvas footwear. This includes black leather



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trainers including those without markings. School shoes should have no visible branding (whether the branding is a different colour or black) including Nike 'ticks' or sporting logos. If the learner chooses to wear black ballet pumps, these should be plain black without any accessories, such as studs. A phrase/question we often use with learners to help give clarity is, "if you painted them white, would they still look like shoes? If so, then they are shoes. If when painted white they look like trainers, they are not appropriate school shoes."

- Boots are not acceptable (a boot is defined as anything that touches or comes above the ankle bone).

Please see below the examples of footwear that are and are not acceptable.



Jewellery and Accessories

- Jewellery is limited to one small plain metal stud in each ear lobe; no facial piercings are permitted e.g. nose studs. Stretcher style piercings are not permitted in any circumstances. Jewellery cannot be worn during PE lessons. If jewellery is worn for



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medical reasons, suitable medical evidence identifying the reasons for this must be provided to the school.

- As stated in the previous bullet point, it is important to note that nose rings, studs or clear articles of jewellery which affix the nose or face are not permitted under any circumstances. This includes 'retainers'.
- Hair accessories such as bows, flowers and wide bands are not permitted, thin 'Alice bands' may be worn. Only natural hair dyes are permitted - this also includes hair extensions or braids. Hair should be no shorter than grade 1 and no design lines/patterns are allowed.
- A plain black head covering (for religious purposes) is permitted, however, additional close-fitting cloths such as durags are not allowed to be worn on school site.
- Outdoor coats must be removed once inside the school building and denim/leather jackets and hoodies are NOT to be brought into school.
- Learners are not permitted to wear nail varnish and acrylic/false nails must be removed for school.
- False eyelashes are **not permitted** as part of the school uniform policy.

PE Kit.

- PE Kit is also available from Crested School Wear, Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley 01384 918 330. The make and style of PE kit has not changed, however the new arrangement with Crested allows for kit to be sampled and tried for size in store locally.
- The minimum and compulsory requirement for PE Kit is a Beacon Hill Academy branded Polo Shirt and Beacon Hill Academy Branded Shorts with plain black socks. Other branded items are available but are not compulsory.
- Plain black/ navy items (no logos) are only accepted as an alternative to the non-compulsory items these include training performance tops, tracksuit trousers or leggings.
- If learners are injured or unable to take part in PE, it is expected that they bring a note from home along with their Beacon Hill Academy PE Kit. This will ensure they are changed out of their school uniform and then actively involved in the lesson via a



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number of different roles. Your child's PE teacher will reinforce this expectation upon their return in September.

Values driven behaviour expectations and technology/mobile phones.

- The academy continues to operate the Values Driven Expectation system. We expect the highest standards of our learners, in terms of their attitude to learning; each other; our staff and the pride which they show in wearing the academy's uniform.
- Mobile phones/IPADs/IPODs/MP3/4 players and headphones cannot be used at any time on the school site. They will be confiscated if seen. Smart watches may be used but their functionality at school must be limited to reading the time.

Over the summer holiday, we will continue to send out further communications. In the meantime, if you have any queries please email helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Dhami
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