

July 2024

Dear Families,

Year 10 / 11 Uniform

We are looking forward to your child starting a new year at Dixons Croxteth Academy in September. I am writing to inform you of the details of our Academy uniform expectations for Key Stage 4 (year 10 and 11).

As you are aware, in order for our older students to have more autonomy and to have a suit which they can wear to interviews in the future, our Key Stage 4 students can wear their own plain black, grey or navy suit. Specific details are in the attached appendices. Please note a change, that students are not allowed to wear smart watches from September 2024.

We expect our students to meet our expectations of 100% correct uniform every day. At Dixons Croxteth Academy we want our students to be successful and climb the mountain to university or a real alternative. Uniform is one of our six learning habits. We believe uniform is very important because it prepares students for the world of work, gives us pride in our Academy and promotes equality. By helping your child to achieve our learning habit of perfect uniform every day you will be supporting your child and the Academy in achieving our mission.

Our core values are Hardwork, Integrity and Fairness and you can support your child to live these values by ensuring they have the correct uniform. We will ensure students are aware of our expectation that uniform is worn correctly at all times and we will encourage students to wear their uniform with pride in school and in the community. Any student in trainers will be placed in the removal room until this is rectified.

The way students wear their uniform is just as important as what they wear. Equipment and personal items should be stored in the student's locker (to be provided for all students 2023-24), not in the pockets of the blazer as this damages the blazer over time and looks untidy. Mobile phones must be switched off and put away in the school bag. If phones are seen they will be placed in the school safe until the end of the day. On the second occasion, the phone must be collected from the Academy by an appropriate adult.

Students have the opportunity to correct their uniform by speaking to a member of the pastoral team before 8.20am each morning. A half hour same day correction will be given for incorrect uniform.

Thank you for supporting your child to wear 100% correct uniform every day. Please see the attached appendices for a detailed breakdown of uniform expectations and illustrations of correct and incorrect items of uniform

Yours faithfully



Iain Duggan
Principal



Key Stage 4 Uniform Expectations

- Formal Suit jacket or blazer in choice of plain black, grey or navy blue.
- White shirt, no coloured garments are to be worn underneath the shirt.
- Academy gold striped tie
- Jumpers should be black, grey or navy blue with a v neck to match the suit in a plain solid colour (optional item).
- Black tailored trousers - jeans / tracksuits / leggings / very flared, tight, knee length or trousers which gather at the ankle are not considered appropriate wear. Jeans are defined as trousers with patch pockets and rivets. Trousers should not trail on the floor.
- Socks should be plain black
- Shoes must be sensible and entirely plain black with no large badges or logos, laces must be fastened and be plain black. Heels, boots (including Doc Marten boots) and trainers are not acceptable. Students wearing the wrong footwear will be asked to change into Academy footwear.
- No jewellery is allowed, this includes facial jewellery or visible body-piercings. Plasters cannot be worn to cover piercings. Any student wearing jewellery will be asked to instantly remove it and it will be placed in the Academy safe until the end of the day. The only exception to this is where there is a religious expectation, for example the Sikh Kara.
- Smart watches are not allowed.
- Make up, if worn, should be entirely discreet and natural. False eyelashes are not allowed.
- Nail varnish, false nails (gel nails, shellac, acrylic etc.) are not allowed at any time.
- Hair must be a natural colour and appropriate to a place of work with no unusual styles or colours, shavings or patterns.
- Students may be asked to tie hair back for health and safety reasons.
- Belts, if worn, should be plain black.
- Outdoor jackets, jumpers, cardigans other than Academy uniform, should not be worn at any time inside the Academy.
- Hats, hoods and caps need to be removed before entering the building.
- The PE kit consists of a Trutex Akoa label black buttoned polo shirt with blue inserts featuring the Academy logo, shorts and PE socks, in the same design.

Dixons Croxteth Academy Uniform Suppliers

- Brienda Ltd (Alphaschoolwear.com) 74 Muirhead Avenue 0151 226 3333
- West Derby Schoolwear (Alphaschoolwear.com) 239-241 Eaton Road 0151 228 7896

If you have any difficulties purchasing uniform for whatever reason please contact the academy and we will support and advice.

Uniform Expectations: Footwear

All students are expected to wear plain black leather or leather look smart shoes with **plain black socks**.

- No colours
- No logos or brands
- No trainers
- No pumps
- No high heels
- No boots
- No leather converse/vans styles



