

Guide to OBA Uniform Expectations

All students are expected to wear full Academy uniforms. Arriving at the Academy well-presented and in uniform is seen as an indication that the students are ready to work hard and achieve the high standards we expect from them. Academy uniform is not to be altered or accessorised in any way.

The school reserves the right to enforce sanctions on students with unsuitable uniform, jewellery or hairstyles in accordance with the behaviour policy.

If you have any questions, or are in any doubt, please contact the Academy **before** purchasing a uniform. **Available from Total Clothing only*

Uniform Essentials

Blazer* (compulsory)

- Academy Blazer with badge on pocket.
 - *If students choose not to wear their blazer, it must be carried.*

Jumper* (optional)

- OBA branded jumper only.

Trousers

- Smart, tailored, plain, black trousers of waist height and ankle length
 - *(no jeans, denims, chinos, skinny-fit trousers, leggings, jeggings, stretch or Lycra fit, tracksuit bottoms).*



Tie* - House Colour Tie, worn at an appropriate length, at least 5 stripes, **no** wide/half-mast ties.

Shirt/Blouse

- Collared Plain white Shirt/Blouse - **worn tucked in, with top button done up.**



Skirt*

- Plain black skirt with Academy logo.
 - *This must be knee length*

Socks/tights

- Plain black/grey/white socks/black tights
 - If worn with tights, socks must be underneath tights.
 - *No oversized, 'fluffy', legwarmer style socks*

Shoes

- Plain black polishable leather/leather effect shoes
 - *No branding, trainers, boots, high heels or canvas shoes*



Equipment

Pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, coloured pencils and maths equipment (when necessary)

OBA Performing Arts

- Plain black leggings, black dance trousers/jogging bottoms, or plain black shorts (**No** “hot pants” Nike Pro shorts style, nor PE skort)
- Polo Shirt with Academy logo (same as for PE kit)
- Students in the School Musical are permitted to wear their show t-shirt or jumper for dance and drama lessons only.
- Jewellery should be removed for practical lessons and hair should be tied up.



OBA PE Kit

Students must change into the appropriate kit for health and safety reasons. Students need a separate bag for Academy equipment and PE kit.



The PE kit **must** contain:

- Polo shirt with Academy logo*
- Black Training Top with Academy logo*
- Plain Black Shorts or Black Skort or Plain Black Tracksuit Bottoms or Black Performing Arts Leggings
- Black Football socks
- Sport Trainers (**not** hi-tops or boots)
- Shin Pads (Compulsory for Football)
- Football Boots (Compulsory for Football and Rugby)
- Gum Shield - Students will not be able to participate in contact Rugby lessons without wearing one

Other OBA Uniform Expectations

Jewellery

- One small single stud in each ear, one wristwatch and one sensible ring.
- **No** hoops of any size, ear stretchers/spike earrings, large studs, hanging or oversized

- earrings.
- **No** other visible piercings or jewellery i.e. nose, lip, eyebrow or tongue. Students **are not** allowed to cover such piercings with plasters, nor are they allowed to wear plastic retainers.
- **No** bracelets or necklaces.

Hair and make-up

- Hairstyles must be neat and professional. While the academy recognises and respects cultural and religious hairstyles, hair (including braids, extensions or added pieces) must be in natural colours only, with no extreme or unnatural shades (e.g. blue, pink, green, purple, scarlet etc).
- Hair must not include patterns, lines, tramlines or symbols.
- Shoulder-length hair should be tied back for all practical lessons.
- Any religious headwear must be plain black and free from patterns or logos.
- Students will be asked to remove any makeup or false eyelashes that are deemed excessive. No false nails or unnatural coloured nail varnish.

Phone Pouches

- All students must bring their phone pouch to school each day, regardless of whether they bring a phone, as it is considered part of the school uniform.
- Parents should inform their child's year team if their child will not have a phone in school.
- Lost or damaged phone pouches must be replaced at a cost of £10. These can be purchased through your iPay account.
- Students who forget their phone pouch will receive a 10-minute detention at the end of the school day.

General

Outdoor jackets should not be worn inside the Academy building. All clothing must be clearly marked with the student's name. A school bag large enough to carry books, folder and other equipment should be used. Students need a separate bag for PE kit/Performing Arts. A student appearing at the Academy dressed unacceptably may be sent home to change.