

A GUIDE TO UNIFORM



At Rushden Academy we believe that a school uniform gives a sense of belonging and pride in the school whilst ensuring equality amongst students.

In addition, a smart appearance contributes positively to the students' attitude to work and study; it also influences how the school is portrayed to the general public and visitors to the school.

This booklet sets out our uniform expectations and should provide you, the parent, with the information you need prior to purchasing items.

In order to ensure your son/daughter meets our uniform expectations, please take the time to look at the images included - whilst this is not an exhaustive list it does provide clear guidance on what is and what is not acceptable.



*The following items are compulsory and must be worn at all times:

- Plain black school blazer with black buttons
- Plain white shirt with a collar and top button
- School tie
- Pleated/pencil check print uniform skirt worn at knee length or just above or black full length tailored trousers
- Sensible black shoes

**During warmer weather the school reserves the right to make changes to ensure students are comfortable. This would include allowing students to remove their blazer.*

In addition to appropriate clothing, all students are expected to maintain a neat and tidy appearance.

Students should meet the following expectations at all times.

Jewellery

No bracelets, bangles, wristbands of any kind. No rings or necklaces.

Earrings (only one pair) if worn should be gold or silver studs.

Nose studs, tongue and any other visible piercings are not permitted.

The school will not be held responsible for expensive items of jewellery lost on the premises.

Make up

Must be minimal and neutral in colour for students in Years 10 and 11 only.

Nails

Nails should be kept at a suitable length. False nails are not permitted.

Clear nail varnish only. Students arriving with coloured nail varnish will be supplied with nail varnish remover and asked to remove it.

Hair

Natural hair colours if dyed. No patterns shaved into hair.

Hats / Scarves / Gloves

To be worn outside of school buildings only, not allowed in lessons. Suitable for winter weather and not as a fashion accessory.

Bags

An appropriate school bag e.g. rucksack or holdall to transport books and equipment including pens and pencils.

Trousers

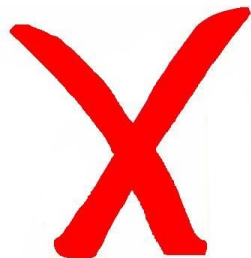
Plain black of appropriate length and fit.

Trousers that are very tightly fitted, jeans or trousers made of similar material and leggings/jeggings are not acceptable.

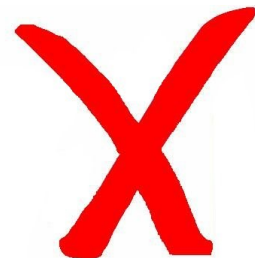


The following are not appropriate uniform items:

Leggings or jeggings



Jeans or jean trousers



Footwear

Shoes must be formal, leather and completely black.

All types of trainer/canvas shoes are not permitted. Open toed shoes are not acceptable due to potential dangers in



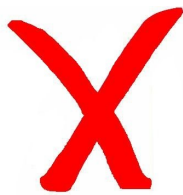
May be worn outside of lessons

Hoodies, sports tops, tracksuit tops and other branded sweatshirts are not acceptable and should not substitute an outdoor coat.



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uniform items:**

Hoodies



Branded Sweatshirts

