



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

Friday 24 July 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to ask for your support in relation to helping raise standards of uniform here at NUSA. The way in which pupils present themselves affects the way they approach their studies. Our experience, and a wide body of research, shows that pupils who take pride in their appearance are more focused and make better progress in lessons.

In order to clarify our expectations of uniform, I have attached a copy of our Compulsory Uniform List and advice on how to purchase the uniform for your information. We very much appreciate the support that you give us with school uniform, but we have noticed some pupils arriving with items of incorrect clothing. Can I particularly remind you that trainers and hooded tops are not part of our dress code, and therefore should not be worn in school. Black fashion trainers are not acceptable. School shoes should be plain black leather shoes. A common issue arises with girl's trousers. These should be plain black, not jeans and not skin tight. Trousers should also not have any kind of zips on them. Many shops are selling skin tight trousers and classing them as acceptable school uniform without having consulted with school.

Standards of Uniform will be continue to be monitored closely, and sanctions will be applied to the minority of students who do not meet with our expectations.

I thank you for your co-operation and support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Schmidt
School Leader – Pastoral



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ACADEMY UNIFORM

At NUSA, we believe that our strict uniform policy enables our students to develop a sense of pride and community.

Uniform has been proven to promote a focus on educational achievement, whilst at the same time reducing peer pressure and raising self-esteem.

Our students are expected to attend the Academy in full school uniform. This includes clothing, footwear, hair, make-up, nails, etc. Any pupil who is not suitably attired will either be sent home to change or sent to Year Hubs to borrow appropriate items from our stock.

If you have any concerns, please contact Year Hubs who will be happy to assist you.

Compulsory Uniform List

The following clothing must be worn by students and internally labelled with their name:

- **Blazer:** Academy blazer, single breasted with green trim and integral Academy badge
- **Shirt:** formal collared shirt/blouse – white, buttoned to neck with tie.
- **Tie:** Academy tie, neatly knotted to cover the top button.
- **Trousers/skirt:** **either** black school trousers (boys/girls) **or** black school skirts (girls).
Note: Trousers, not jeans or leggings. Skirts should be standard school skirts (from a uniform suppliers), not short lycra/tube skirts.
- **Socks / tights:** **either** black socks (boys/girls) **or** tights in plain neutral or plain black (girls).
- **Shoes:** plain black shoes with maximum heel height of 5cm and sole thickness of 2cm.

The following clothing is not permitted:

- Boots, stiletto heels, sling back shoes, trainers, plimsolls and any shoes with obvious logos/markings.
- Patterned tights.
- No hats/scarves to be worn inside the Academy.
- Excessive accessories e.g. coloured belts.

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Optional Clothing

Where students choose to wear the following items, they must conform to the requirement shown:

- Outer coat: sensible, with no overt external stripes, text or logos
- Pullover: plain black V-neck, long or sleeveless

Sports Clothing (Outdoors)

For outdoor sports, students must wear clothing from among the following:

- Academy Rugby shirt
- Academy Sports socks
- Academy Polo shirt
- Academy Tracksuit
- Black shorts/skirt
- Studded boots (boys)
- Outdoor trainers (girls)
- Indoor trainers (boys and girls)

- Gum shield (boys and girls)
- Cycling shorts: plain black (to be worn under sports skirt or shorts)

Hair

No extremes of hairstyle are permitted except on religious or cultural grounds. This refers to both style and colour. We would ask that pupils do not come to school with hair dyed to colours which do not occur naturally

Jewellery

Jewellery should not be excessive. Studs, to be no larger than ear lobes. One plain gold or silver finger ring may be worn. Chains and any other visible body piercings are not permitted.

Make-Up

Any make-up worn must be discreet.

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UNIFORM PURCHASES

There are two ways to purchase uniform:-

1. At School

We are hosting a Uniform shop at NUSA on the following days only:

Tuesday 25th August - 10.00am till 4.00pm and

Wednesday 26th August - 10.00am till 4.00pm

Individual items of uniform will be available for purchase. Unlike last year, we will not be selling uniform 'packs'.

This will be a cash only event. If you are eligible for a clothing allowance, you will need to pay for any items and claim back the allowance by completing a new form for 2015-2016.

Forms will be available at the event.

2. School Website

1. Log onto the school website at www.nusa.org.uk
2. Select the 'Noticeboard' tab on the NUSA home page.
3. Under 'Useful Links' on left of the page is a link to our 'Online Uniform Shop'.
4. Select 'Register Now'.
5. Complete your details. Ensure you enter your postcode.
6. 'Add Address'. Continue to complete form, such as email, username & password (please make a note of these as they will be needed to login to your account)
7. Enter the security code.
8. Register.

This will return you to the Parents Online login page.

9. Complete Username and Password.
10. Choose an item you would like to buy (you can add further items later).
11. Enter chosen item, order size, state quantity and 'add to cart'.
12. Choose checkout or continue shopping. If continuing to shop – choose another item and add to cart.
13. When your order is complete – checkout. Choose delivery address (home delivery will involve a £3.95 charge, delivery to school is free). Add your child's name.
14. Complete your card details and Confirm Purchase.
15. You will receive an email confirming your order.

If you cannot attend our pop up shops or don't have online access, please contact your child's Assistant Head of Year.

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