The Redhill Academy

UNIFORM POLICY

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School Uniform

All students at Redhill, from Year 7 to Year 11, wear uniform. The wearing of a uniform makes an important contribution to the tone and reputation of the academy. We like students to come here looking smart and business-like and ready to work.

Parents can buy most garments relatively cheaply from a shop of their choice.

A small number of items are branded; Ties, blazers, trousers, skirts and PE uniform. These are available from two suppliers:

Just Schoolwear can be found at 12 High Street, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 7DZ. Their contact number is 0115 9621128. Items can also be ordered online from www.just-schoolwear.co.uk.

Schoolwear Solutions can be found at 116-118 Bramcote Avenue, Chillwell, Nottingham NG9 4DR. Their Contact number is 01159 258 046. Items can also be ordered online www.schoolwearsolutions.com.

All other uniform items should be plain with no logos or decoration.

Second-Hand Uniform

The Academy encourages students/parents who have next-to-new uniform that they have outgrown or do not intend to wear any longer, to donate these back to the Academy. These can be handed into Main Reception or Student Reception.

We work closely with The Children's Society, a national charity who will then stock these items in their Arnold branch at a greatly reduced price. Stock levels will depend on donations made.

Daily Uniform

Blazer: Black school blazer with school badge and House colour.

Trousers: Black Redhill Academy Logo Trousers only

Skirt: Black Redhill Academy Logo Skirt only

Shirt: Plain white with a collar and top button appropriate for use with a school tie. Soft collared sports shirts are not acceptable, i.e. polo shirts. No t-shirts are to be worn. There should be no badges or motifs on shirts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times with the top button done up. Shirts missing top buttons are not acceptable.

School Tie: All students in Years 7 to 11 are required to wear a school tie. This can be either a normal school tie or a clip on. School ties need to be in immaculate condition. If your son/daughter's tie has threads pulled or ink marks on it then this will need to be replaced. The tie should be worn at a reasonable length

Jumper: Only the official school jumper may be worn (black, V-neck with red braiding). This an optional uniform item, although for warmth it is recommended that all students wear it.

Socks or Tights: Plain grey, black or neutral tights or grey, black or white ankle socks.

Knee high or over the knee socks are not permitted.

Shoes: Plain black shoes. The wearing of fashion shoes, particularly those without backs or with high/stiletto heels is not permitted. Boots, trainers or trainer-like shoes should not be worn.

School Coat: Students may wear plain coats or jackets. Hoodies and tracksuit tops are not allowed. Fashion coats such as leather/denim jackets or body- warmers are also not permitted.

Jewellery: Jewellery can be a safety hazard; it gets lost easily. Students may wear one pair of studs and one discreet nose stud. Any other visible piercing is not permitted. Students are also not allowed to wear rings, bracelets or necklaces in school.

Hairstyles: We expect hair styles to be neat and tidy and not extreme in any way. This includes tightly-shaven hair, tramlines or the use of brightly-coloured dyes. In the interest of student safety, long hair must be tied back in PE lessons.

Hair accessories: Hair bands, bows and other accessories should discrete and black.

Headwear: Baseball caps are not permitted to be worn in school or on the school premises. Headwear worn for religious reasons should be plain black.

Make-Up / Nails: Make-Up including drawn on eyebrows, false eye lashes, false nails and nail varnish are not allowed. Nails should be short.

If you are unclear regarding any of these expectations, please contact your son or daughter's Head of House for further information.

Required PE Clothing

- Black and red polo shirt with the academy logo **or** black and red games rugby shirt with the academy logo.
- Plain black shorts / track suit bottoms / leggings with no logos.
- Red football socks
- Trainers
- Football boots

Optional PE clothing item

- Sweatshirt in black and red with the academy logo (optional)

All the above items are available from both Just Schoolwear and Schoolwear Solutions. Jewellery (including watches) must not be worn in any PE lessons. Garments worn as normal dress around school must not be worn for PE in the interest of hygiene.

School Equipment

- A strong bag, to carry books securely without damage is most important.
- Pen, pencil, ruler - students should also have their own eraser and coloured pencils.
- Mathematical instruments - in addition to normal equipment, students will need a compass and protractor for some lessons. Notice will be given when this equipment is required.
- Scientific calculators - the ability to use a calculator appropriately is required in many areas of the curriculum and we encourage all students to have their own. You are advised to consult the Mathematics staff before buying a calculator as certain features are essential.
- Musical instruments - although the school has some musical instruments available for loan, many parents will wish to purchase. You are advised to purchase these through the school, which has a scheme that offers good quality instruments at competitive prices. Details of this will be given to you early in the year.
- Exercise books/text books/student planner or organiser/writer's dictionary - these are supplied by the school for the student's use but their care is his/her responsibility. Please help to preserve them by ensuring they are covered, preferably with transparent plastic material. Students/parents will be expected to pay for the replacement of lost or damaged books/planners/ organisers.
- Dictionaries - students will need their own basic English dictionary.
- All clothing and personal equipment must be clearly marked with the student's name.

Phone Pouches & Smart Watches

All students in Years 7–11 are required to have a school-issued phone pouch, whether or not they bring a mobile phone to school. Phones must be switched off and secured in the pouch before arriving on site. Students must show their locked pouch at the school gate each morning and keep it in their school bag throughout the school day.

Parents/carers who need to contact their child during the day should do so via the school reception. Students needing to contact home should visit student reception, where they can use the school phone or, in an emergency, have their pouch unlocked.

Any student found using a mobile phone on the school site will have the phone confiscated and held securely until collected by a parent/carer from reception. Lost or damaged pouches will be replaced at a cost of **£10**. This policy supports a focused, distraction-free learning environment for all students.

Smart watches should not be brought on to school site.

We always follow DfE guidance in relation to uniform.

High Expectations is a core value of our academy and the Redhill Academy Trust and this always includes standards of uniform. We have worked closely with suppliers to ensure that our uniform is high quality and represents value for money.

We have a number of 'branded' items that are embroidered with the school logo, these being the blazer, one of either trousers / skirt and a PE top. These items provide absolute clarity in relation to what is required and saves issues with misunderstanding and money being spent on items deemed not acceptable. We also have a tie that all students must wear, this is not included as a branded item, in line with DfE guidance.

Other items are available and are entirely optional, these include things such as school jumpers. There is no expectation that these are purchased or worn, these are also often available through the 'pre-loved' offer, where items are available for resale within our school community and we promote this in our communication to families. We very much value donations to this offer and know that many families and friends swap or donate items between themselves. In addition, we provide all compulsory branded items and tie free of charge to families in receipt of free school meals when they start at the school, and we support families who contact us when in genuine need of assistance. We care about or standards and we care about supporting families in helping their children meet them.

In hot weather, we make reasonable adjustments to our uniform and will notify students and parents in advance wherever possible. This **may** include permitting students to not wear a tie and / or blazer. In extreme conditions we may consider further adjustments to uniform, such as the wearing of some items of PE kit. These adjustments are made at the discretion of the Headteacher.