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Atlantic Academy

Student Uniform & Equipment Policy

Version control	
August 2026	No changes
June 2025	- Jumper now compulsory - White socks no longer allowed (black only) - Added clarity about how missing equipment/incorrect uniform can be rectified without any sanction. - Added clarity about sanctions for failure to rectify incorrect uniform and missing equipment.

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Student Uniform and Equipment 2026 to 2027

Rationale

This Academy believes in high standards, high aspirations and the highest expectations in every aspect of its operation. Students and staff are expected to take pride in their appearance and this will support in developing high levels of self-worth and character. The Academy aims to give all students the foundations for a successful life by helping them to develop the skills and attitudes that will provide them with real life-chances. Students are expected to be provided with an ambitious, enriching and varied curriculum where real-world applied learning prepares children and young people to thrive in a fast-changing world.

A smart appearance is an increasingly important aspect of modern life as it does help a person to display an air of self-confidence and a sense of respect. The Academy aims to prepare students for a successful life and so an emphasis on taking pride in one's own appearance is an essential part of the educational process. The Academy has a strict uniform policy which helps to enhance the purposeful and successful climate of the Academy. Our uniform policy demands professionalism and ensures safety which also ensures that students are fully focused on learning as opposed to other distractions.

The Academy uniform provides students with many positive advantages, because uniform:

- Diminishes the social exclusion of students based on what they are wearing
- Places stronger focus on academic performance
- Reduces family tension as students do not have to compete with their peers for the latest trends in clothes
- Creates an atmosphere of teamwork
- Encourages pride in personal appearance and of the Academy
- Promotes safety, particularly through making it easier to identify strangers
- Increases self-esteem and reduces peer pressure
- Most cost effective to parents in the long run
- Makes them ambassadors for the Academy in the local community.

Students are expected to wear full Academy uniform on the way to and from the Academy.

Full uniform and equipment checks will be carried out by tutors each morning during tutor time.

- Any students not appropriately dressed will be sent to the academy stock cupboard to assist with rectifying any uniform infringements.
- Any students with missing equipment will be sent to the stock cupboard to assist in rectifying any missing equipment.
- All necessary corrections to uniform and equipment will be made and a message sent home to inform parents.

The stock cupboard opens at 08:00 to allow students to rectify any infringements before the school day starts. If a student rectifies their infringement before the start of tutor (08:30) no sanction will be applied. However, if a student has to be sent to the stock cupboard following a uniform/equipment check during tutor time, they will receive behaviour points.

If students fail/refuse to change into the correct uniform, they will remain in ABE. Parents/carers will be contacted and asked to rectify the situation by either speaking to their child directly, telling them to borrow item(s) or by bringing in the uniform item(s) that need rectifying.

Essential items of uniform, e.g. Academy blazer, some items of PE kit, are only available from the Academy uniform suppliers: Dorset Embroidery & Printwear (DEP) Weymouth and Brigade Schoolwear, online. Second hand uniforms are available at the end of each term at the Academy.

Early Years:

- Turquoise polo shirt (with logo)
- Book Bag (with logo)

Years 1-6:

- Blazer (with logo)
- Tie (with house colour)
- PE Polo shirt (with logo)

Years 7-11:

- Blazer (with logo)
- Tie (with faculty colour)
- PE T-shirt (with logo)

A detailed list of uniform requirements can be found below and on the Academy website.

Secondary Uniform Policy

Item	Description	Retailer
Academy Blazer	Grey with blue piping	DEP or Brigade
Trousers	Black, tailored, classic style and full length to the shoes NOT jean like corduroy, overly tight, leggings or shorts. If a belt is required it should be plain black with a discrete, small buckle.	Any
Shorts	Black, tailored, classic style and knee length. NOT jean like, corduroy, overly tight.	Any
Skirt	Acceptable: Plain black school skirt, straight in shape or pleated, worn at the waist made of school conventional material. Skirt must sit on the knee or reach no less than 5 cm above the knee. To be worn at the waist only, no hipster styles. **The Academy reserves the right to insist that students wear trousers in the event that skirts do not follow our policy.** Not Acceptable: Rolled up skirts. Skirts that are lycra, bodycon or not regulation length. No visible studs, patterns, buttons, embellishment or trimmings.	Any
Shirt	Plain white traditional school shirt, no logo, always tucked in. No designer shirts or fitted blouses.	Any
Tie	House coloured clip on tie.	DEP or Brigade
Jumper	V neck black jumper Atlantic Logoed Jumper	Any DEP or Brigade
Socks	Black socks only Plain with no logos.	Any
Tights	Plain black tights only.	Any
Shoes	A plain design, leather or leather look black shoe, with traditional soles and design. No: trimmings, logos, decorative buckles, coloured laces or stitching, or other decorations, shoe/trainer hybrids, trainers, fabric shoes or boots. See appendix 1	Any

Coat/Jacket	Appropriate coat, not to be worn inside the Academy building. No: hoodies, fabric/knitted tops, cardigans, jumpers, sweatshirts, tracksuit tops, waistcoats, sleeveless tops, denim or leather jackets etc.	Any
Bag	Any rucksack style bag. As a guide must be able to hold full A4 size folders and be waterproof. No: plastic carrier bags, shoulder pouches, fashion bags or other inappropriate bags.	Any
Performance Kit - PE		
Polo shirt	Short sleeved polo shirt with Academy logo, base layers that are plain may be worn.	DEP or Brigade
Black plain long	This is optional, as an extra item of clothing that may be worn	Any
sleeved full zip fleece/jumper without a hood	over the polo shirt. An optional black logoed sweatshirt is available to purchase.	DEP or Brigade
PE Shorts	Black football style shorts.	Any
Jogging bottoms	Plain black jogging bottoms may also be worn.	Any
Trainers	Any brand of running shoe suitable for sporting activities.	Any
Football boots	Any brand suitable for use on grass (optional).	Any
Shin pads	Any brand suitable for football or hockey (optional).	Any
Sports leggings	Plain black sports leggings.	Any

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Shorts	Black, tailored, classic style and knee length. NOT jean like, corduroy, overly tight.	Any
Skirt	Black, classic style, knee length, pleated or straight. Pinafore dresses are available as an alternative.	Any
Shirt	Plain white traditional school shirt, no logo, always tucked in. No designer shirts or fitted blouses.	Any
Tie	House coloured clip on tie.	DEP or Brigade
Jumper	Optional V neck black Jumper Optional Atlantic Logoed Jumper	Any DEP or Brigade
Socks	Black or white ankle socks. Plain with no logos.	Any

Tights	Plain black tights only.	Any
Shoes	A plain design, black shoes, with traditional soles and design.	Any
Bag	A backpack able to hold full A4 size folders and be waterproof. No: plastic carrier bags, shoulder pouches, fashion bags or other inappropriate bags.	Any
Performance Kit - PE		
Polo shirt	Short sleeved polo shirt with Academy logo.	DEP or Brigade
Black plain long sleeved full zip fleece/jumper without a hood	This is optional, as an extra item of clothing that may be worn over the polo shirt. An optional black logoed sweatshirt is available to purchase.	Any DEP or Brigade
Shorts	Black football style shorts.	Any
Jogging bottoms	Plain black jogging bottoms or leggings may also be worn.	Any
Trainers	Any brand suitable for sporting activities.	Any

Further Information

Hair/Appearance

Individual fashion statements such as extreme hair-styles or non natural colours are not permitted. Only black or white hair accessories are allowed. No decorative attachments, coloured weave or extensions are to be worn in the hair. Shaved lines in the hair or eyebrows are not permitted. No visible make-up e.g. lip gloss, mascara, eyeliner and eyeshadow may be used sparingly. Henna decorations, nail varnish, nail decorations, French tips or extensions are not permitted. Tinted or cosmetic contact lenses and decorative dental wear are not permitted. Sun hats are permitted outside only in the Summer term.

Jewellery/Valuables

No jewellery except for one wrist watch (no SMART watches) and a maximum of one pair of small plain stud earrings one in each ear. Nose studs, facial and body piercings or visible tattoos are not permitted. No accessories are to be worn around the neck, wrists, and ankles or attached to clothing. Large amounts of money and expensive personal effects should not be brought on site. The Academy will not accept liability for any claim arising from theft, accidental loss or damage to personal effects, money, belongings or clothing whilst on the premises.

Mobile Phones and other electronic devices

Mobile phones, computer tablets/games etc must not be switched on on site. They must be stored away in bags at all times.

Other valuables

Money should be kept in a purse or wallet securely on their person. Confiscated items are to be collected at the end of half-term or by a parent/carer.

GUIDANCE NOTES

The Uniform Policy is strict and consistently applied.

The policy encourages in students a sense of pride, belonging and loyalty to the community of which they are members. Students are expected to be smartly dressed at all times, including on their journey to and from the Academy.

Any potential inequalities and negative group allegiances are also eliminated by the Uniform Policy. When a student is not in full uniform or expected appearance, they will not be permitted to attend lessons. In such cases students will, with parental consent, be sent home to change, or alternatively undertake supervised work within the Faculty until the student is of correct appearance. If in any doubt about the details of the Uniform Policy, and to save time and anguish, please contact the Academy. It is better to check.

Compulsory Basic Student Equipment Expectations - Years 7 to 11

We will always set the highest expectations for our students in order to raise their aspirations and enable them to fulfil their true potential. Parental engagement is one of the biggest factors behind student achievement and so your ongoing support is essential in supporting your child's academic progress.

By ensuring that your child presents themselves to the Academy each morning with full equipment it shows that the student is aspiring to progress to their full potential.

By students always being fully equipped it supports the impact of every minute of every lesson being maximised.

We have a high standards focus on equipment and I would like to take this opportunity to communicate to all parents about the essential equipment that every student, years 7 to 11, is required to have in their possession each day at Atlantic Academy

Item
30 cm long, clear plastic pencil case
2 x HB pencils
2 x blue or black pens
30 cm ruler (not foldable)
1 purple pen
Casio FX-85GT Plus calculator (or similar)
Pair of Compasses
Protractor
2 x Highlighters
Coloured pencils
1 x Mini whiteboard pen
Eraser
Pencil sharpener
Reading book: age and challenge appropriate: as allocated through the Accelerated Reader Programme (ARP) or through GCSE English Literature

Appendix 1 - School shoes

Acceptable	Not acceptable
	