

Thursday, 23 May 2024

Ref: Uniform and equipment standards

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Shireland Biomedical UTC, we believe that a school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. We have always prided ourselves on the appearance of our students and the impression they make in the local community. We maintain a simple yet strict uniform policy. Research shows that school uniform plays a critical role in contributing to the ethos of a school. If students are dressed for success and look smart, it can instil a sense of pride, aspiration and can also support positive behaviour and discipline.

Families, students, and staff will work together to enforce and support the following expectations.

Compulsory Items:

- Blazer with the Academy badge sewn onto the pocket (Blazers should be worn around the site but can be taken off when in classrooms)
- Academy tie with logo.
- White blouse or shirt.
- Plain black trousers or plain black knee length skirt (**no jeggings, leggings, or jeans**).
- Plain black shoes or ankle boots. Trainers are not acceptable.
- Plain black socks or plain black tights
- Students should bring a sensible school bag with the correct equipment needed for the day.
- In adverse weather, a suitable coat can be worn over a blazer. Hoodies are not acceptable.

Additional information:

- Plain black jumpers can be worn, with or without sleeves.
- Salwar Kameez and headscarves may be worn and should be plain black. Students are still required to wear the Academy blazer and white shirt and tie.
- Hooded sweatshirts or hooded tracksuit tops are not permitted. Shoes must have a flat sole or low heel. They should be plain and not have coloured trims.

PE KIT

Shireland Biomedical UTC's PE Kit includes:

- Shireland Biomedical UTC shirt with Academy logo.
- Academy logo branded tracksuit bottoms or plain black tracksuit bottoms (no visible or large branded logos).
- Quarter Zip sports jumper with Academy logo.
- Shorts with Academy logo (optional).
- Skort with academy logo (optional).
- Long hair must be tied up with jewellery removed, including earrings, nose rings, watches, rings etc.

HAIR CUTS AND STYLES

- Extreme haircuts are not permitted. This includes bright, multicoloured hair and shaved tramlines.
- If students wish to dye their hair, it must be of a natural colour.
- Hair clips, bands and beads must be black, grey or white.

NAILS, MAKE UP AND FALSE EYELASHES

- Nail varnish must be of a neutral tone. Bright colours and long nails are not acceptable.
- If make up is to be worn, it must be natural and discrete.
- No other jewellery is permitted other than stud earrings. Students will be required to remove these for practical lessons.
- False eyelashes are not permitted and will result in staff asking students to remove them.

FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS, STUDENTS MUST OBSERVE THESE RULES:

- Stud earrings may be worn but should not be excessively large.
- If the Academy considers that a student's earrings present a Health and Safety risk, the student will be required to remove them.
- One nose stud may be worn. No other facial piercings.
- Earrings and nose studs must be removed for PE and practical Science lessons (please provide students with a hair fastening).
- Nails must be kept short to avoid injury to self and others.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Caps are not permitted on the Academy site. Hats must be removed before entering the Academy buildings.
- Hooded or tracksuit tops.
- Visible tops under shirts. If pupils wish to wear an extra layer under their shirt, this should be plain white with sleeves not exceeding the length of their shirt sleeves. For example, students should not wear a long-sleeved plain white t-shirt under a short-sleeved shirt. Alternatively, students can wear plain black jumpers over their shirts.

STUDENT EQUIPMENT

It is expected that students will bring their own set of equipment that they need to use in lessons each day.

Essential Equipment:

- A pencil case containing:
 - Black or blue pens
 - Pencil
 - Rubber
 - Ruler

Desirable Equipment:

- Pencil crayons or felt tips
- Highlighter pens
- Glue stick
- Safety scissors
- Geometry set
- Calculator
- Post-it notes
- A4 folder containing divider

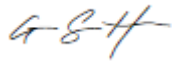
We understand that these rules may require some adjustments for our students and families, and we appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these standards. It is our belief that these guidelines will help create a more focused, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for all. Students who fail to maintain these standards will have parents contacted and if repeated, students will be sanctioned.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these uniform and equipment standards, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are more than happy to discuss these matters with you.

All uniform and equipment details can be found on the school website with examples of what is and is not acceptable: <https://sbmutc.org.uk/families-and-carers/academy-uniform/>

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in maintaining the high standards at Shireland Biomedical UTC.

Yours sincerely,



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