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School Uniform & Equipment

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School Uniform

As an Academy we are extremely proud of our school uniform which we believe reflects the high standards of the Academy. We strongly believe that being smart and well-presented gives all students the correct and positive mind-set required for a successful day in school. It reflects organisation, pride, and unity amongst our school community hence why we place so much importance on ensuring all students respect the uniform rules and wear it correctly.

Trousers - Black Academy logoed school trousers.

Skirts – Black logoed skirt.

Shirts - A white school shirt (long or short sleeved) must be worn with the top button fastened at all times.

Blazers - A black blazer with embroidered United Learning badge must be worn by all students.

Tie – A Barnsley Academy clip-on tie.

Cardigans & Jumpers – Plain black V-neck jumpers can be worn under blazers or a plain v neck cardigan (optional item).

Footwear - All students must wear plain black, flat, polishable shoes. All footwear must be entirely black and not be of ankle height. Boots of any sort are not allowed. Heeled footwear of any sort is not allowed. No Trainers.

Socks – plain black socks only for both boys and girls. No over-knee socks can be worn.

Tights – black tights can be worn but must be at least 40 denier.

School Bag - School bags are compulsory. All students should have a strong, rucksack style school bag that is big enough to contain a planner, pencil case, books and any other equipment outlined in the equipment list below. If food or drink items are brought to school, these must be placed in the student's school bag.

Jewellery - The only jewellery which is acceptable is one wristwatch. No SMART watches of any sort are allowed, no earrings or facial piercings.

Nails - False nails or nail polish are not allowed to be worn.

Hair - No extreme hairstyle is allowed. This includes tramlines, Mohican or skinhead-type styles. It is at the School's discretion as to what constitutes 'extreme' but usually involves shaven heads on any part of the hair or carved/patterned shapes/partings in short hairstyles, Mohican hairstyles, large back-combed hairstyles, multi-coloured/ unusually coloured or extremely vibrant coloured hair. We accept natural colourings e.g. black, brown, blonde, and natural red/ auburn. Natural red is often the most difficult to interpret so as a rule, if red takes on a vivid tone we will ask for it to be altered as it doesn't look natural. Students arriving in school with an unacceptable hairstyle will be sent to IE. If there is any ambiguity regarding whether a hairstyle is extreme or not, the final decision will be the Principal's/Vice Principal's. Male and female students with long hair must tie it back for PE, Technology and Science lessons.

Make-Up - Minimum, natural-looking makeup can be worn by students. Heavy, pronounced eye-brows are not allowed and students will have to remove them first time of asking. Excessive, noticeable fake tan is also not allowed. False-eyelashes are not allowed or excessive mascara which cannot be described as 'natural-looking'.

PE Kit

At Barnsley Academy we expect all students to fully participate in every PE lesson, in the same way they would in every other lesson. We expect students to come prepared with the correct equipment for that lesson. Being active is a very important part of leading a healthy life and we encourage activity at all levels, and we hope our parents and families will do the same.

All students should bring the full, correct PE kit on the days they have PE. This kit should include a pair of trainers to specifically wear for PE. It is not acceptable for students to wear the same pair of trainers to attend their lessons as they do for PE – the main issue being one of hygiene and appropriateness especially when it is inclement weather and trainers become wet and muddy.

If a student forgets their PE kit, they will be expected to borrow kit from the PE Department on arrival to the PE Lessons. This kit is not necessarily new, but is clean, as we launder and iron all kit after it has been worn.

Medical Exemption from Physical Aspects of PE - If a student has a valid medical reason for not participating in any aspect of PE, an up-to-date Doctor's note must be provided. A copy of this letter/evidence will be logged on the Academy's central computer system to ensure staff are aware. Without medical evidence the decision as to whether or not the student is fit enough to do PE will be ultimately at the discretion of the Academy's First Aiders/ Principal.

All students are required to wear:

- Barnsley Academy logoed T-shirt
- Plain black or navy shorts
- Plain black or navy leggings / tracksuit bottoms
- Black football socks
- Outside trainers any colour
- Plain black or navy hoodie or tracksuit top



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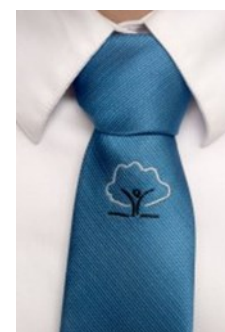
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25 New Street, Barnsley, South Yorkshire,
S70 1RZ

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Footwear

Plain black smart 'polishable' school shoes.

- Shoes must be flat (no heels) and below ankle height (so no ankle boots)
- Shoes should not have any large embellishments such as bows.
- No coloured labels or different coloured stitching
- No metal or plastic bows, tags, chains of any sort. Small tassels are acceptable
- Please see below for some examples of what is appropriate

These are some examples of shoes which would be deemed appropriate as part of the uniform at Barnsley Academy. These pictures are for guidance only as other suitable styles may also be available from various shops or online retailers. All the shoes shown above cost £25 or less—average cost £18.



Footwear – not allowed



Equipment & Water Bottles

Students are expected to bring a clear water bottle into school with them each day

- Keep it with you all the time
- Refill it at the re-filling stations around school and in the canteen at break and lunch times
- Take it home with you at the end of the day and give it a good wash
- Refill it with cold fresh water to bring in your bag next day
- Remember - 'Water only'
- Also remember how much we are helping the environment by re-using these bottles!
- And finally remember how much healthier you will all be drinking plenty of water and staying hydrated!

School bags are compulsory. To support organisation, readiness for learning and equality, from September 2023 onwards, all new Year 7 students will be provided with a Barnsley Academy branded rucksack free of charge; this must be brought to school as part of the list of uniform items. Non-compliance with Academy rules.

There will be a phased roll-out of these branded school bags, which will be compulsory uniform items for different year groups according to the following roll-out schedule:

Academic Year	Applicable Year Groups
2023-24	Year 7
2024-25	Year 7 and 8
2025-26	Year 7, 8 and 9
2026-27	Year 7, 8, 9 and 10
2027-28	Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

Equipment - must be brought into school each day

- Clear Water Bottle
- Pencil Case
- 2 black pens
- 2 red pens
- 2 green pens
- 2 pencils
- Rubber
- Ruler
- School Bag



Parental Communication

Barnsley academy uses electronic communication

This means that the majority of communication you have from us will come via direct email rather than letters being posted or handed to your child. Urgent messages or reminders will also be sent to you via in-app messaging, email and staff will make direct contact with you by phone if they need to speak to you about your child.

Keeping you informed

We know that it can be difficult to keep up with everything that is going on at secondary school like Barnsley Academy and we endeavour to make this as easy for you as possible. In addition to all the above, our website is continually updated with reminders about upcoming events and important dates and you can also access our Academy calendar through it. Our newsletter is emailed to you every fortnight and is a great way of staying informed about Academy life.

Parental Online Portal

We encourage parent access to a Parental Online portal, which will provide information on your child's behaviour, timetable, attendance and emergency contact information. This is also the area where you will find consents for various activities and data usage and also may be used for parents' evening booking and other activities. <https://login.arbor.sc/>

Access can only be granted if we have received an appropriate email address from the primary parent/carer. Once an email address has been received an email will be sent to you detailing a password and log in instructions. Alternatively you can click 'Forgot Password' and a password link will be sent to you.

To keep up to date with transition at Barnsley Academy please check out our website

<https://www.barnsley-academy.org/information/transition-main-page>

Please do not hesitate to contact us

Mrs Astley, Operations Manager will be able to help with any queries:

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Transition Day's—16th—17th July 2024