



**Ashington
Academy**

Uniform Policy

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**North East
Learning Trust**

Review history

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Recent revisions

Issue No.	Date	Revisions made
2	September 2024	Updated to include reference to the house badge and general appearance
3	December 2024	Updated to include reference to religious head coverings

1. Introduction

Ashington Academy is part of the North East Learning Trust and the uniform policy supports the high standards of the Trust and the Academy as well as ensuring a strong sense of identity amongst our students. The Uniform and Equipment Policy applies to all students within the Academy

2. Aims

The Trust and the Local Academy Council have a duty to ensure that Trust and Academy policies

promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the student body.

We believe that a proper Academy uniform is important because it:

- Instils pride in students and the wider community
- Encourages identity with, and support for the Academy's ethos
- Protects students from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between groups of students
- Supports effective teaching and learning.

3. Academy Uniform

The uniform for Ashington Academy is:

Blazer, shirt, jumper, tie and house badge

- School blazer with school badge (required, only available from the uniform supplier).
- Plain white school shirt (no logos) buttoned to the neck (required, generic).
- Navy V-neck jumper with light blue inset and the Academy badge (optional item and only available from the uniform supplier - no other alternatives are acceptable).
- Academy tie (required and available from the uniform supplier. Supplied to Year 7 students in the first instance).
- House badge (Issued when students join the academy).

Trousers and Skirts

While we are more than happy for parents and students to purchase school uniform from a wide variety of sources, we have worked closely with Emblematic to create trousers and skirts with the academy logo, which meet our uniform rules. Should parents choose to purchase items from other suppliers then the style and cut of the trousers/skirt should be the same as those provided by Emblematic.

- Charcoal grey tailored school trousers – not leggings, jeans or stretch style. The bottoms of the trouser must be at least 7.5 inches/18 cm wide at the bottom. (required and generic however trousers purchased elsewhere MUST be the same style and fit as those provided by the uniform supplier).
- Charcoal grey pleated or straight skirt – not tight fitting or stretch material and must be no more than 5 cm above or below the knee. (required and generic however skirts purchased elsewhere MUST be the same style and fit as those provided by the uniform supplier).

Footwear

- Plain black, formal, leather or leather style shoes which can be polished. No trainers, plimsolls, pumps, or boots.
- Socks must be black or grey with trousers (required and generic).
- Grey opaque tights must be worn with skirts (required and generic).

Outerwear

- Outside coats (generic) must be removed when entering the school building.
- Caps are not to be worn on the Academy premises.

- Woollen hats may be worn between the autumn and spring half terms but must be removed when entering the school building.

PE Kit

All items are available from Emblematic.

- PE polo shirt – (required and only available from the uniform supplier).
- Navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms/black sports leggings- (it is required for students to have at least one of these items).
- Mid layer top (optional).
- Hoodie (optional).
- Rain jacket (optional).
- Skort (optional).
- Sports sock (optional).
- A black base layer may be worn underneath (optional).

P.E. footwear

- Trainers with non-marking soles are to be worn in the sports hall (compulsory).
- Students can wear studded boots when participating in certain activities on the grass.
- Moulded boots and Astro trainers are allowed on the 3G sports pitch. Metal studs, blades and flat sole trainers are not accepted.
- Plimsolls, Converse, or canvas type shoes are not suitable.

4. General Appearance

Blazers should be worn at all times, unless specific permission is given by a member of staff to remove them.

Shirts should be tucked in.

Skirts should be worn to the correct length and not rolled up at the waist.

Students must wear their jumper (if worn) over their trousers or skirt (not tucked in). Belts (if worn) should be plain and should not be visible.

Only school related badges to be worn on the school blazer e.g. house and reward badges. Students may also wear badges to commemorate national events at the relevant time of the year e.g. a poppy in the lead up to Remembrance Day.

5. Hair and headwear

Hair should be a natural colour (one colour only). The Academy reserves the right to decide that the cut and colour of a student's hair is inappropriate. Tramlines, Mohicans, extreme short sides, longer on top are examples of styles that are deemed inappropriate.

Hair bands should be thin and not overly decorated e.g., no larger flowers.

Religious head coverings are permitted and can be purchased from Emblematic.

6. Jewellery

Students are permitted to wear one stud in each earlobe. No other jewellery (this includes necklaces, bracelets and/or rings) or visible body piercings are allowed. Students will not be allowed to cover body piercings with Elastoplast. Parents must ensure that if a child is to have a piercing it must take place at the start of the six weeks' holiday and must be removed on the first day of term.

7. Make up

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 can wear discreet, natural make-up. The Academy reserves the right to decide whether the amount of make-up a student is applying is inappropriate. Students are not permitted to wear false, gel or acrylic nails and/or garishly coloured nail varnish. For health and safety reasons nails need to be a sensible length, False eyelashes are not permitted. No fake tan is permitted.

8. Tattoos

Tattoos which are visible are not permitted. Any student with a visible tattoo will need to keep it covered up.

9. Clothing

Large fashion belts are not acceptable or part of the Academy uniform.

Hoods must not be worn inside the Academy.

Caps of any description are not to be worn on the Academy premises.

10. Equipment

All students are expected to come to the Academy with:

- a bag large enough to carry an A4 file (backpacks are recommended)
- a pencil case containing pen, pencil, ruler, and rubber

Tutors and Year Managers will carry out equipment checks regularly. Where a student repeatedly fails to bring the correct equipment to the Academy, his/her name will be passed on to the appropriate Year Manager. From then onwards, the Year Manager will apply a range of sanctions to ensure that the student brings the correct equipment to the Academy. These sanctions might include detentions, parental contact, internal exclusions etc.

11. Energy Drinks

Energy drinks are not permitted on the Academy premises.

12. Mobile Phones

Mobile phones, smart watches, and MP3/i-pods should not be brought to the Academy, however, should parents/carers wish for their child to carry a mobile phone for safety reasons, it must be turned off and stored in their school bag. The Academy cannot take any responsibility for any lost or broken mobile phones. If a student is caught using a mobile phone, it will be confiscated and handed into reception and an appropriate sanction will be issued.

13. Sixth Form Dress Code

Our dress code is smart office wear which entails:

- Blouse/dress shirt (collared).
- Tailored trousers (no jeans/tracksuits).
- Tailored skirt (minimum knee length).
- Jumper / cardigan.
- Smart shoes (not trainers/pumps).
- No extreme hairstyles. Hair colour and make-up should be subtle.
- Tattoos must not be visible.
- No facial piercing allowed other than subtle ear piercing.
- No extreme levels of jewellery to be worn in school.
- Coats/hoodies/hats should not be worn inside the building

Students are in a working environment and so strapless or shoulder less tops, short tops which do not meet the waistband of trousers/skirts, short skirts, shorts, plunging necklines, and vest tops are not appropriate. Clothes that are too tight or revealing (including sports leggings) should not be worn.

The Academy reserves the right to make the final decision on what is acceptable and what is not acceptable.

14. Ordering the Academy Uniform

Uniform can be ordered from: <https://emblematic.co.uk/bedlington-store/ahs/>

Or in store at: Emblematic Ltd, 30 Glebe Road, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 6JT, Tel No. 01670 820 262. The Academy has available pre-loved uniforms which are available to parents/carers. Parents/carers should contact the Academy for further information