Biddick Academy

Name of Policy	**Uniform**
Aims of Policy	• To ensure all Parents / Carers, students and staff are aware of the uniform of the Academy
Date Valid	September 2022 – July 2023
Date of Approval	June 2022 – Headteacher June 2022 – Trustee Board
Next Review and Approval Date	June 2023
Responsibility for Review	Deputy Headteacher

Academy Uniform

Ethos

Biddick Academy has a uniform policy because it is economical, practical and sensible clothing for everyday wear. It encourages students to have a sense of belonging to, and pride in, their school. A high standard of presentation is expected of all students.

We want students to focus on, or seek recognition for, cultivating their mind, character, and abilities rather than on differentiating themselves through dress. We do not want any students to feel left out because they cannot afford certain items of clothing. Some rules also have a health and safety focus. Clear, standardised rules also avoid sensitive discussions over what is acceptable.

Finally, our uniform encourages students to have high aspirations and a sense of belonging to, and pride in, their school.

Uniform Policy

- A high standard of presentation is expected of all students.
- School uniform must be worn at all times by students in Years 7 to 11.

Uniform Compulsory	Blue Biddick Academy blazer with school badge. Biddick Academy tie Plain white school shirt buttoned to the neck Plain grey trousers to the ankle
Uniform Optional	Biddick Academy skirt, black opaque tights must be worn if students choose to wear the Biddick Academy skirt Plain grey v-necked jumper
Footwear	Plain black leather or leather style shoes

PE Kit Compulsory	Plain white T-Shirt or white T-Shirt with Biddick Academy logo Plain black shorts / Plain black leggings / Plain black tracksuit bottoms Trainers must be worn during PE lessons
PE Kit Optional	Football boots for football and rugby Biddick tracksuit top Plain white T-Shirt with Biddick logo Black tracksuit bottoms with Biddick Logo / Black Leggings with Biddick Logo

Equipment	Student Planner – issued on the first day in September Pen, Pencil, Ruler, Rubber Reading book – available from the Academy library
Hairstyles	Severe haircuts including patterns are not acceptable Hair should be a natural colour Rainbow or brightly dyed hair colours are not acceptable
Jewellery	One discreet stud in each ear is permitted – excess earrings will have to be removed Body piercing is unacceptable and must be removed A watch may be worn
Make Up	Discreet make up may be worn No false / gel or acrylic nails – students will be required to have them removed No brightly coloured nail varnish
Mobile Phones	Students may bring their mobile phones into the Academy but must be switched off and in bags during the Academy day or whilst on Academy premises, including outdoors.

	Headphones and earphones are not permitted within the Academy

Additional Information

- Blazers should be worn at all times around school. At the teacher's discretion students may remove their blazers during lessons. Blazers must be put back on before students leave the classroom.
- The sleeves of the blazer should not be rolled up.
- No item of clothing (other than plain white shirt and Biddick Academy tie, plain grey v-necked jumper) should be worn underneath the blazer, for example, a hoodie or tracksuit top.
- Leggings must not be worn as uniform.
- No skirt, other than the official Biddick Academy skirt is allowed.
- White shirts must be tucked into trousers and skirts.
- Grey v-necked jumper must not be tucked into trousers or skirt.
- Outdoor coats are to be removed when entering the Academy building and are not to be worn in classrooms and corridors.
- All students must bring with them an appropriately sized school bag to hold their equipment in.
- Hairstyles must not be extreme. i.e. No unnatural colours or tramlines at all. No grade 0 haircuts either in part or full (head shaved). Pastoral leaders will judge suitability of hairstyle and hair colours.
- Caps and hats (or any variance of these) are not to be worn inside Biddick Academy
- Plain black leather style trainer shoes are acceptable; however they must be completely black leather.
- Suede and canvas shoes are not acceptable.
- Students must be correctly dressed before entering Biddick Academy and until they leave the Academy site at the end of the day. Any student not dressed correctly will receive an appropriate sanction in line with the Biddick Academy behaviour policy.
- If a student contravenes the uniform policy then parents will be informed and asked to rectify the issue within 48 hours and the student will be loaned Uniform from the Academy which they will be expected to wear (all loan uniform is clean).
- The Academy is not liable for any theft or damage to property brought into the Academy.

Working with Parents and Carers

- We understand that at times there can be issues with uniform that are entirely outside of parental control. Our aim will always be to work with parents when this occurs. Where a student falls short of our high expectations of presentation, we would ask parents/carers to support the Academy and work together to reach a positive conclusion.

Biddick Academy Access Fund

- Biddick Academy has an Access Fund. This is a discretionary source of financial help available to all registered students. The aim of the fund is to help students who have difficulty in paying for:
    - Curriculum trips and visits
    - Uniform, shoes or PE kit
    - Other materials or equipment required for their academic studies
    - Expenses to attend seminars, interviews or work experience placements
    - Emergency travel expenses

For further information, please visit www.biddickacademy.com

Any questions or for clarification please email Mrs Dickson (Deputy Headteacher) at Dickson.s@biddickacademy.com