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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come approach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to revisit the uniform expectations and help you to prepare for when we return in September. The vast majority of pupils arrive in school every day in the correct uniform, which they wear with pride, so thank you for your continued support in helping us to uphold these expectations and standards.

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It supports positive behaviour, and it also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

With the summer holidays fast approaching and the 'back to school' promotions already in the shops, it seems an ideal time to confirm again our uniform expectations and draw your attention to items that are not appropriate. Uniform should be practical and hard wearing and provide children with proper protection from the British weather throughout the year.

We will be enforcing our uniform policy very strictly when we return in September. On the first day back, we expect all students to be in full uniform unless you have contacted us to provide us with a very good reason for why they are not. Any student not in the correct uniform will go into the RFI room and this will continue each day of the first week. We will contact you on each day when this happens. If a student arrives in incorrect uniform the following week, we will contact you and send them home to correct their uniform.

The Bishop Young Church of England Academy uniform:

- A black V-neck jumper (with Academy Crest), that is to be worn at all times, unless otherwise directed by staff in classrooms.
- A plain white school style shirt with the top button fastened and of sufficient length to be tucked into trousers or a skirt.
- The school tie is to be worn clipped at the neck.
- Plain black school trousers or a knee length black skirt. Skirts made from jersey fabric are not allowed.
- Plain grey or black socks or plain black tights. Socks are not worn over tights.
- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers. If students are wearing trainers, they must NOT have flashes, coloured logos, patterns, air bubbles or coloured soles. (please see examples attached).
- Students must wear a plain, practical coat which offers them good protection in bad weather. The term coat does not refer to sweatshirts, cardigans, hooded tops, or sports tops. These are not allowed and will be confiscated. Denim and leather items are also not allowed.
- Coats must be taken off as soon as students enter the building. Hats, caps, hoods, and bandanas must not be worn on the school site. These will also be confiscated.
- Jeans, cords, tracksuits, leggings, jeggings, combat trousers, hipsters, and other fashion style trousers are not permitted.
- Students will be permitted to wear one stud earring in each earlobe. The only other permitted jewellery students may wear are a wristwatch and a simple cross and chain. They are not permitted multiple earrings or nose piercings.





- Students are allowed to add one extra colour to their hair. For example, students who opt for braids may have a natural colour along with one additional colour of their choice.
- Students in all years can wear discrete make-up.
- Students are not allowed to have beads in their hair.
- Where a headscarf is worn it must be plain navy blue, black, grey or white.
- Nail varnish is allowed. Any acrylics or artificial nails must be of a suitable length to allow a student to work productively and safely. If this is not the case then a student will be expected to remove them.
- Students must use any suitable bag / rucksack which is large enough to hold school equipment (including mobile phone pouches) and folders.
- Please also remember that student should not be drinking energy drinks or fizzy drinks on site, and they should not be eating any sweets / confectionary.

All items that are not in line with the school policy will be confiscated.

Mobile phones must not be used on the school premises.

From the start of the new academic year, students will be expected to use a mobile phone pouch to securely lock their phones away during the school day. Students will keep the locked pouch with them in their school bag and will be able to unlock it at the end of the day before they leave the school site.

If a student is caught using a mobile phone, then it will be confiscated and returned to them at the end of the week. Parents/Carers will be required to collect the phone if this happens again.

We are sending this letter out now as we wanted to give you enough notice to be organised for September. If you have any questions about the guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school before buying. If there are any extenuating circumstances, which mean you are unable to meet the uniform requirements by September 2025, please email info@bishopyoungacademy.co.uk.

We look forward to your support in ensuring all students are treated equally and trust the guidance attached makes things much clearer for everyone.

Yours sincerely

Dave Kilkenny
Assistant Principal

Suppliers of agreed items of uniform for Bishop Young Academy

Branded Items

Rawcliffes Schoolwear, Roundhay Road, Leeds LS8 4AR
The School Uniform Shop, 34 Nowell Lane, Leeds, LS9 6JE