

"An Academy to be Proud of"

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### ***Secondary Uniform Standards & Changes for September 2026***

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the final stretch of the academic year, I want to extend my gratitude for your continued support in upholding the values and standards of our school community. A key part of maintaining our high expectations is ensuring our students look smart, feel a sense of belonging, and are ready to learn. How our students present themselves reflects their pride in our school and their mindset towards their education.

With this in mind, we are writing to reiterate our current daily uniform standards and to provide you with some important updates regarding uniform regulations for the upcoming **2026-2027 academic year**.

#### **Daily Uniform Standards: A Gentle Reminder**

We expect all students to adhere strictly to the uniform policy every day. Please ensure your child meets the following standards:

- **Blazers:** Blazers must be worn at all times when students are walking around the school site. They may be removed in classrooms with the teacher's permission.
- **Shirts Tucked In:** Shirts must be fully tucked into trousers or skirts at all times.
- **Formal Trousers:** Trousers must be formal, **two-pocket suit trousers**. Any jeans, leggings, or skinny-fit trousers are not permitted and this will be made 100% clear in our uniform checklist for 2026-2027.
- **Skirts Rolled Down:** Skirts must be worn at a suitable length and **not rolled up** at the waistband. If students are asked to roll skirts down, we expect them to do so without challenging the request.
- **Footwear:** Plain, formal **black school shoes** are required.

To support students and families, we do have a 'Kit Room' which is open before school and during tutor time where students can borrow the correct uniform if they do not have it on any given day. This includes blazers, shoes, ties and trousers. Students will borrow the item they need by handing in their mobile phone (or another relevant personal item) and then receive their item back at the end of the day when they hand the uniform they have borrowed back. **This means that there is no excuse for not wearing the correct uniform.**

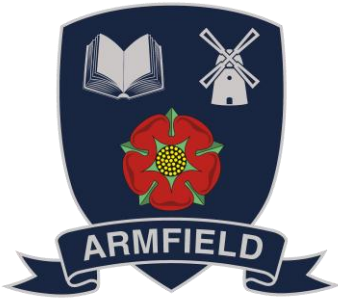
#### **New Uniform Regulations for 2026-2027**

We are always mindful of the financial pressures on families and aim to keep our uniform costs as low as possible while maintaining a smart appearance. For the 2026-2027 academic year, we have streamlined our requirements.

Moving forward, there will be **only three mandatory branded items** required:

1. **The School Blazer**
2. **The School PE Top**
3. **The School Skirt** (for students who choose to wear a skirt)





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### What else do you need to know?

- **School Ties:** Ties are *not* included in these new branded regulations; we have green for Y7, blue for Y8, green & blue stripe for Y9 and green, blue & white stripe for Y10. Y11 ties will be earned by our students and as such will be provided by the school and so do not need to be purchased (more information to follow on this new initiative).
- **Jumpers:** The grey V-neck school jumper remains entirely **optional**.
- **PE Kit:** All other PE kit items (such as navy blue shorts, skirts, or track pants) are optional or can be purchased as unbranded high-street items, provided they meet basic sportswear requirements.

By limiting the number of branded items, we hope to give families greater flexibility to purchase affordable, unbranded essentials from high-street retailers. For further information, please also refer to the Armfield Academy Secondary Uniform Checklist which has been updated for 2026-2027 and is attached to this letter.

### Uniform Donations and Support

We truly appreciate your kind donations of pre-loved uniform items. We collect these throughout the year to share with families within our school community, and any donations can be left safely at the secondary school office.

Thank you once again for working in partnership with us to maintain the highest possible standards at our school. If you have any questions regarding these updates, or if your family requires support with uniform sourcing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Form Tutor or Phase Lead.

Yours sincerely,

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