



Uniform Policy

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Staff member responsible:	Assistant Headteacher – Culture and Ethos
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Introduction

Students come to the Academy to work and to be part of our community.

They must look prepared for the day ahead of them by wearing the correct uniform. Being smart reflects pride in themselves and in their Academy. It indicates they are ready to maintain a hardworking mindset. We have high standards of all those associated with the school and, as a member of the school community, families are expected to support the students to meet these expectations.

We understand that uniform can be expensive, but our uniform has been designed to minimise the number of specialist uniform items required. We are often able to support families with second-hand uniform.

We ask that families do not purchase items that do not meet the uniform requirements, as students will not be permitted to wear them at school. In general, students in uniform should have no prominent branding except for the Academy Badge.

The policy is an agreement between the school and parents/carers that clarifies for parents/carers the required uniform as set out below. Students are expected to wear their uniform with pride.

Uniforms are to:

- Show that they are part of the Fortis Academy community.
- Support students in being respectful.
- Give a sense of belonging for students.
- Give an identity to the community.
- Stop/reduce peer pressure when it comes to clothes.
- Give a sense of order and purpose.

Students are expected to dress smartly, with ties neatly knotted, shirts fully buttoned and tucked in, and blazers worn at all times unless given exceptions by school staff.

You can purchase the blazer, tie and PE kit from the specialist uniform suppliers, whose details are below. Other items such as trousers, skirts, shirts and shoes, although available at the suppliers may also be purchased at suitable retailers of your choice.

At Fortis Academy, we do not operate a seasonal uniform policy. Students are expected to wear the items below all year round.

Blazer: Grey, with Academy Badge.

Skirt: Grey charcoal, pleated and of knee length.

Trousers: Grey charcoal, tailored with a waistband and a zip.
Tight fit, jeans- or leggings- style trousers are **not** acceptable.

Shorts: Grey charcoal, tailored and with a waistband and a zip.
They must be of at least knee length.

Shirt: Plain white button-up shirt, with a collar as worn with a tie. The top button must be fastened.

Tie: Academy tie with light blue stripe (Foundation Academy) and red stripe (Senior Academy). The knot of the tie must be worn at the collar of the shirt.

Cardigan/Jumper: Plain black V-neck, low enough to show the collar and tie, with long sleeves. Jumpers can be worn in addition to Blazers, but not as an alternative.
'Hoodies' or hooded cardigans or lightweight jackets are **not** acceptable.

Footwear: Plain black, low heeled footwear. We do not except trainers with air bubbles or any colour on.

Coat: Preferably plain black or dark coloured.
Coats may be worn in addition to, but **not instead of**, the blazer.

Bag: Backpack style is required, suitable for carrying all books and required equipment. Dark coloured.

Socks/Tights: Dark coloured and without patterns. Socks or tights should not be knee-length unless worn under trousers.

Jewellery: One watch, one ring per hand, one stud earring in each ear and one stud nose piercing are permitted. No other visible jewellery is permitted and all jewellery must be removed for PE.

Hair/Makeup: Natural nail varnish, subtle makeup. Natural hair colours only are permitted.

PE Kit: Short sleeve PE Top in black/red, embroidered with the Academy logo.

PE Shorts to match the PE Top.

Tracksuit jacket in black with red piping, with the Academy logo.

Tracksuit joggers, to match tracksuit jacket.

Football socks: Plain Black Socks.

Uniform suppliers:

<p>Clive Mark 11-13 Boldmere Road Sutton Coldfield B73 5UY Tel: 0121 728 4452 Email: sales@clivemark.co.uk Website: clivemark.co.uk</p>	<p>Uniforms Plus 935 Walsall Road Birmingham B42 1TN Tel: 0121 357 8285 Email: uniformsplusltd@talktalk.net Website: uniformsplus.co.uk</p>
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Blazer			
Trousers/Skirt			
Shoes			