



Uniform Policy

At Garstang Community Academy, we require all students to wear the correct Academy uniform. This is for a number of important reasons: it helps to establish a clear identity with the Academy, supports equality among students, and promotes a sense of pride and belonging within the Academy community.

Our uniform is designed to be smart, practical, and hardwearing. With appropriate care, it should last students for a considerable amount of time. All students are expected to wear their uniform with pride and maintain the highest standards of personal appearance.

When Uniform Must Be Worn

Uniform must be worn correctly at all times:

- While in the Academy
- When travelling to and from the Academy
- When representing the Academy on visits or at events (unless otherwise stated)

Academy Uniform Suppliers

The official uniform stockists for Garstang Community Academy are:

The Uniform & Leisurewear Company Ltd

- 66 Church Street, Garstang, PR3 1YA – Tel: 01995 605010
- 15 Common Garden Street, Lancaster, LA1 1XD – Tel: 01524 388355
- Website: www.ualonline.com

Top One Uniforms

- 39 St Johns Centre, Preston, PR1 1FB – Tel: 01772 828616

Essential Uniform Items

All students are required to wear the following:

- Navy blazer with Garstang Community Academy crest
- White long- or short-sleeved shirt
- GCA tie
 - Y7–10: standard tie
 - Y11: designated Y11 tie
- Student lanyard and badge
- Medium grey straight-leg trousers or

- GCA pleated tartan knee-length skirt
- Plain black socks (no trainer socks) or plain black tights
- Flat, plain black shoes
- Must be closed toe and have a back
- Suitable outdoor coat, which must be weather-appropriate and free from offensive logos
- White apron for Food Technology lessons
- Blue apron for Design Technology lessons

Optional: Academy jumper

Skirt Length

As part of maintaining a respectful and focused learning environment, all skirts worn with the school uniform must be of an appropriate length. Skirts must fall just above the knee and fully cover the upper thigh when standing or sitting. This standard applies to all students and is designed to promote consistency and fairness.

Setting clear expectations for skirt length supports a positive and safe educational environment. It encourages a sense of professionalism and appropriateness, helping students prepare for settings where dress codes are the norm. Maintaining modest and respectful attire also fosters an atmosphere of mutual respect among students and staff.

The school reserves the right to determine whether a skirt meets the length requirement. If there is uncertainty or concern about a student's attire, the final decision will be made by school staff. Repeated infringements of the dress code will result in disciplinary action as outlined in the parent/carer handbook.

Jewellery and Accessories

- Only a wristwatch is permitted.
- No other jewellery is allowed, including earrings.
- Any other items of jewellery will be confiscated and parents/carers will be asked to collect them.

Notes on Personal Appearance

To maintain our high standards, all students must follow these guidelines:

- Hair must be tidy and of a natural colour
- Extreme hairstyles (including shaved styles below grade 1) are not permitted
- Make-up, if worn, must be minimal and natural in appearance
- Nail varnish is not allowed
- Nails must be short, clean, and natural – no false nails
- False eyelashes are not permitted

PE Kit

- GCA contour polo with GCA badge.

- GCA contour skort or GCA contour short.
- GCA touchline socks.
- Training shoes (strictly no 'pimple soles').

Optional

- GCA contour 1/4 zip sweatshirt.
- Black/navy long sleeved skins as appropriate.
- Black/navy leggings or skins as appropriate.
- Gum shield, as required for Rugby and Hockey lessons.
- Football boots, as required for Football and Rugby lessons.
- Shin pads, as required for Football and Hockey lessons.

Full PE kit is expected for every PE lesson including socks.

If students are medically excused they will need a note from home and will still be expected to get changed into their PE kit.

If students forget their PE kit, they will be given a signature on their Standards Card.

If students forget part of their PE kit, they will be given a warning the first time and then a signature on their Standards Card.

The PE department may issue a break/lunch or after school detention if students continually do not bring their kit, parents will be informed.

If Students have their PE lesson Period 5, they may choose to go home in their PE kit.

Non-Compliance

Students who are not meeting the academy's uniform and appearance standards will not be permitted to circulate in the academy. We ask for the support of parents and carers in ensuring that students arrive each day in full, correct uniform and prepared for learning.

We expect all students to have high standards and maintain these high standards with regards to their equipment and uniform. Every student in school will have a Standards Card that they must keep in their blazer or bag.

During tutor time every morning, Form Tutors will check standards of uniform and equipment. Form Tutors will sign the Standards Card if students do not have the correct equipment or have a uniform infringement (e.g wearing jewellery to school).

If students have the correct equipment and are wearing the correct uniform they will be awarded three award points each week.

During the school day, if a student is not adhering to the equipment and uniform expectations (e.g shirt untucked or skirt not the appropriate length), staff will sign their Standards Card.

Each half term, students will be issued with a new Standards Card. If a student misplaces or forgets their Standards Card, an hour detention afterschool will be issued and logged on ClassCharts.

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