



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Uniform Policy Overview & Christmas Break Reminder

We hope this message finds you well as the Christmas break approaches. To ensure a smooth and focused start to the new term on **Monday 5th January 2026**, we ask for your support in reviewing and adhering to the Academy's uniform and appearance standards.

The uniform policy is in place to establish a clear Academy identity, support equality, and promote a sense of pride and belonging among our students.

Overview of Essential Academy Uniform

All students are required to wear the following essential uniform items:

- **Navy blazer** with the Garstang Community Academy crest.
- **White long- or short-sleeved shirt.**
- **GCA tie** (standard tie for Y7-10, designated Y11 tie for Y11).
- **Medium grey straight-leg trousers OR GCA pleated tartan knee-length skirt.**
 - *Skirt Length:* Skirts must fall **just above the knee** and fully cover the upper thigh when standing or sitting.
- **Plain black socks** (no trainer socks) or **plain black tights.**
- **Flat, plain black shoes** that are closed-toe and have a back.
- **Student lanyard and badge.**

The only optional item is the Academy jumper, which is not a substitute for the school blazer.

Personal Appearance & Accessories

We maintain high standards for personal appearance:

- **Jewellery:** Only a **wristwatch** is permitted; no other jewellery, including earrings, is allowed. Confiscated items will require collection by parents/carers.

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- **Hair:** Must be tidy and of a **natural colour**. Extreme hairstyles, including shaved styles below grade 1, are not permitted.
- **Make-up:** If worn, it must be **minimal and natural** in appearance.
- **Nails:** Nail varnish is **not allowed**. Nails must be clean, and natural; false nails or false eyelashes are not permitted.

Standards Card and Non-Compliance

All students must keep a **Standards Card** in their blazer or bag.

- Form Tutors check uniform and equipment every morning.
- Staff will sign the Standards Card for uniform or equipment infringements during the school day.
- Students who do not meet uniform and appearance standards will **not be permitted to circulate in the Academy**.
- Forgetting or misplacing the Standards Card will result in an hour after-school detention.

A Reminder for the New Term

Please use the Christmas break to ensure your child returns on **Monday 5th January 2026**, fully equipped and in full, correct uniform. This includes checking uniform sizing, appropriate footwear, and ensuring all required PE and Technology items are ready.

The full details of our uniform policy can be found on the Academy website:

- <https://garstangcommunityacademy.com/uniform>

We appreciate your cooperation and support in maintaining our high standards. We wish you a peaceful and enjoyable holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Laura Royds
Deputy Headteacher

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