

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to inform you that we are continuing to develop our uniform policy to reflect the aspirations that we have for the academy as we move forward; we believe that students in years 7 – 11 should be dressed professionally which helps to establish the correct attitude for learning. Our students were heavily involved in helping to choose the design of our uniform and we expect them to wear it with pride.

All of our compulsory uniform can be purchased at the Soundwell Branch of Initially Yours or at their online store. This will include the school jumper, ties, PE kit and regulation trousers and skirts. The company offer a next day delivery service to customer's residences (a small charge) or a weekly delivery service to King's Oak Academy (free of charge). For more details on delivery and to purchase uniform please visit www.initiallyours.co.uk

Whilst our uniform list remains largely unchanged (please see attached and online as above) we are focussing on ensuring that students are dressed smartly and appropriately in all aspects of their uniform. I would like to bring your attention, in particular, to the following:

Trousers/Skirts

Students must wear black trousers, or regulation skirts for girls. Skirts must be knee length and tailored, no stretch material is permitted. This list has been designed to create a formal **not** fashionable look.

We will continue to review this policy and if students are unable to meet our standards, a trouser only policy will be considered.

School Shoes

Footwear should be formal (shoes) leather or leather like material that can be polished. As per the uniform policy shoes must be plain black and carry **no logos**. Training shoes (even plain black) or daps **are not permitted**.

School Jumper and Ties

Students should wear the school jumper at **all** times. Staff will make the decision to allow students to remove the jumper during warm weather. School ties (house colour) must be worn at **all** times with the top button of the shirt fastened.

Hooded Tops

Hooded tops must not be worn at any time. If they are seen they will be confiscated until the end of the school day.

Thank you for your support in enforcing the uniform policy with children; we are confident that the developments in uniform will enable us to further develop our highly praised academy ethos. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or your son/daughter's head of house. If unsure regarding any item of uniform, please bring the item into school for us to check that it is line with our policy (please keep your receipt as we may ask for it to be changed).

Simon Jones

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our official uniform suppliers are: Initially Yours, 211 Soundwell Road, Soundwell, Bristol, BS15 1PT (this used to be the premises of Essential Clothing).

Website: www.initiallyyours.co.uk.

General wear:

Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Navy v-necked jumper with school logo

White collared shirt

Red tie with appropriate House colour stripe

Black regulation plain tailored trousers

Plain black formal shoes [**no trainers, daps or logos**]. Please see attached illustrations.

Plain black socks

Girls have the option of a plain black tailored skirt which should be knee length and have **no stretch**.
No skater skirts.

Key Stage 4 (Years 10, 11)

Navy v-necked jumper with school logo

Pale blue collared shirt

Red tie with appropriate House colour stripe

Black regulation plain tailored trousers

Plain black formal shoes [**no trainers, daps or logos**]. Please see attached illustrations.

Plain black socks

Girls have the option of a plain black tailored skirt which should be knee length and have **no stretch**.
No skater skirts.

Recommended outdoor wear:

Weatherproof coat – no denim or leather; fashion items, logos, hooded or tracksuit tops.

General matters

Make up

The school discourages the wearing of any make up including nail varnish, as it is contrary to the business like values the School aims to promote. If make up is worn, then it must be of a very discrete nature. **Acrylic nails should not be worn at any time.**

Hair styles

For Health and Safety reasons, and to support the general business like values of the School, the School expects students to have reasonable hairstyles and colours. If the principal, or a member of staff acting for the principal, considers a student's hair style to be unreasonable, then the student will be asked to rectify the matter.

School bags

All students should bring a 'School Bag' to school every day. A 'School Bag' is defined by the School as a bag which is suitable to carry books of up to A4 size, basic equipment and kit for other subjects. Typically, students carry small waterproof rucksacks.

Jewellery

The School has agreed that one small ear stud may be worn in each ear. Apart from this, for Health and Safety reasons and to promote the general business like values of the school, no jewellery may be worn. This includes rings, neck chains and facial piercing such as nose and lip studs.



Approved Trousers and Skirts

Please find below a list of approved trousers and skirts. Whilst all of our uniform can be purchased from our official uniform supplier, Initially Yours, items can be purchased elsewhere but **MUST** adhere to the following guidelines:

Boys Trousers

Boys should wear smart black tailored trousers. Jeans, Chino's, Western Style and skinny fit trousers **are not permitted**.

Girls Trousers

Girls should wear smart black tailored trousers, boot or straight cut. Stretch material, Jeans, Chino's, Western Style and skinny fit trousers **are not permitted**.

Girls Skirts

Girls have the option of wearing a black knee length tailored skirt. Stretch material and skater skirts **are not permitted**.

Visual Guide

Plain black formal school trousers (girls)



Plain black formal school trousers (boys)



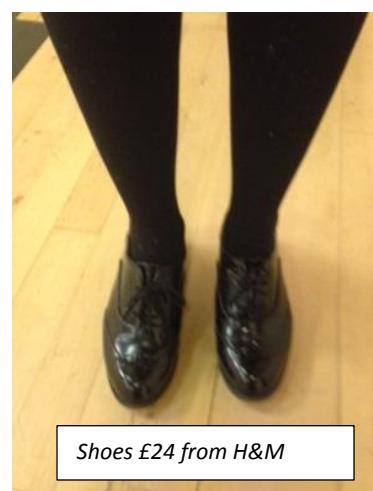
Plain black formal school skirt (girls) – knee length, no stretch



Regulation Shoes

It is important that students wear footwear that is smart/ business like and fit for purpose (due to our open site, shoes must be robust and weather proof). Shoes must be formal leather or leather like material that can be polished, flat, plain black with **no logos**. Trainers and daps are **not permitted**. Heels of any size must not be worn. The photos below are examples of acceptable shoes, currently worn by Kings Oak Students. Some shoes that were previously on the acceptable list may now have been moved to the unacceptable list.

Acceptable



Not Acceptable

