

MOSSBOURNE VICTORIA PARK ACADEMY UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE POLICY

It is expected that all students will travel to and from the Academy every day in neat, clean uniform as specified below, giving the clear message that our students take pride in belonging to the Academy. Any student who breaks a condition of the Academy Uniform and Appearance Policy will receive a sanction and may be sent home or placed in the Behaviour Support Unit. As per the Home Academy Agreement, parents/carers must support their child in adhering to this policy. It is therefore strongly recommended that parents/carers are present when uniform is purchased and hair cut appointments take place.

The Academy's uniform supplier is:

Crossbow Schoolwear Trutex
 31 Broadway Market
 Hackney E8 4PH
 Tel. 020 7923 9313
 email: crossbow.schoolwear@hotmail.com

Girls	Boys
Academy Blazer Academy grey skirt or trousers Academy blouse Academy jumper Plain white short socks/Black opaque tights (no trainer socks) Academy Outdoor Coat Flat, black leather shoes* Mossbourne Academy hat and scarf **	Academy Blazer Academy grey trousers White shirt Academy jumper Academy tie Plain black socks (no trainer socks) Academy Outdoor Coat Flat, black leather shoes* Mossbourne Academy hat and scarf ** Black belt with a small, plain buckle
Girls PE Kit	Boys PE Kit
Academy polo shirt Black shorts (plain) White football socks (plain) Training shoes Black track suit bottoms (plain) Academy sweatshirt Shin Pads (Football) Towel Roll on deodorant Bottle of water	Academy rugby shirt White shorts (plain) White football socks (plain) Training shoes White Academy t-shirt Shin Pads (Football) Gum Shield (Rugby) Towel Roll on deodorant Bottle of water
<p>* Shoes must be plain, smart and business like; They must not look like a trainer. The shoes should not be suede, patent, have any coloured stitching or have any embellishments. Shoes which could be classed as boots are not to be worn with a skirt. The Academy has the final decision on whether a shoe is in line with the policy.</p> <p>**These items are optional, the only hat and scarf which students are permitted to wear must be the correct uniform items purchased from the uniform shop. Gloves must be plain black with no logos.</p>	

Additional Items and Issues

- Students must adhere to the Uniform and Appearance Policy on the way to and from the Academy.
- If for religious or cultural reasons a student has to wear a head-covering then this must be the Academy head scarf. Students' faces must always be fully visible. We do not allow full or partial face covering.
- Uniform exceptions may be made by the Principal but only where this is required as a matter of sincere religious observance. The Principal's decision is final.
- Girls may wear skirts or trousers but not both. Academy skirts may be worn in two lengths, i.e. knee length or mid-calf length. Skirts must not be shortened or lengthened beyond these limitations.
- Shirts and ties should be worn appropriately, i.e. shirts must be tucked in and collars buttoned and ties worn neither too long nor too short.
- The only outdoor coat permitted is the Academy coat.
- Coats must be removed upon entering the building.
- The Academy woollen hat, Academy scarf and gloves may be worn in the winter months only.
- Underclothing, including thermals and vests, must not be visible.
- Never wear trainers other than for PE or playing in the playground.
- No jewellery to be worn, except for a single/pair of small plain round gold or silver stud earrings in the lobe of the ear, no diamonds. No other form of body piercing is allowed.
- A watch may be worn providing its only function/feature is telling the time e.g. no smartwatches, watches with alarms or sound effects, watches with calculators or video/audio recording capability.
- Jewellery and watches must be removed before all P.E. lessons.
- No make-up or nail varnish may be worn. Lip balm can be used but must not alter the natural appearance of the lips and must never be applied during lessons.
- Students may not write or draw on their skin, this includes having permanent or temporary tattoos that are visible e.g. henna.
- There must be no hair/eyebrow markings.
- Facial hair should be neat and must not be styled.
- There must be no significant shaping of the hair/eyebrows; it should look natural. The Academy has the final decision on what constitutes significant. If in doubt do not shape the hair at all.
- High fashion styles are not permitted. The Academy has the final decision on what constitutes a high fashion style.
- The difference in length between the top, the sides and the back of the hair must not be in sharp contrast. The Academy has the final decision on what constitutes in sharp contrast. If in doubt have the same length all over.
- No topknots, beehives, side ponytails, or multiple ponytails allowed.
- Hair must be its natural colour.
- If longer than the top of the collar, hair must be tied back as one unit in a ponytail (which can be plaited), with a plain black hair band or simple black hair grips.
- Hair must always be kept off of the face and not fall over the eyes.
- Hair bands must not be worn on the wrist.
- Indeed, hair must not be untidy in any way. It must be business-like and smart and worn in a plain style, which does not draw attention or is incongruous with the Academy uniform. If you have a doubt as to a style's acceptability, then the style is probably not acceptable.
- The Academy's decision about what is acceptable is final.