



# THE SKIPTON ACADEMY

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Principal: Mr Richard McManus

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have high expectations of our students when it comes to their personal appearance and I'm pleased to say that the vast majority are very smartly dressed and wear their uniform with pride.

This letter is to remind our students and their family of the academy dress code and what is and is not allowed. We know that sometimes, parents and carers are not clear, and I hope this clarifies matters. If you are in any doubt, please do not hesitate to contact the academy and we will be happy to assist.

- **Blazer:** black with academy crest (compulsory). Available from uniform stockists. Along with the academy tie, the blazer is how students are recognised as members of our academy community and consequently, it must always be worn.
- **Black tailored trousers:** Students must not wear jeans, chinos, joggers, or slim/skinny fit etc. Belts must be black, plain and cannot be heavily branded.
- **Black pleated skirt:** purchased from the academy uniform suppliers. Worn no shorter than 10cms (2 inches) above the knee. Skirts must be worn with plain black opaque tights and not leggings. As a reminder skirts should not be rolled or altered. Pencil and tube skirts are not permissible. Failure to wear the appropriate skirt or if repeatedly worn too short will result in students losing the privilege to wear skirts and will be required to wear black tailored trousers.
- **Shirt:** plain, white, and tucked in with the top button fastened. No short, fitted shirts or blouses.
- **Academy tie:** that is worn with the academy crest clearly visible. There must be a minimum of a 10cm gap from the top of the academy crest and the tie knot.
- **Sensible black shoes or plain black trainers:** Footwear mustn't have any additional colouring and any logos must be black. Shoes must be either flat or with low heels. Students coming into the academy without the correct footwear will be given academy pumps to wear.
- **Pullover:** (optional) plain, V-necked in black with the academy logo. Available from uniform stockists. No non-academy pullovers, jumpers, hoodies, or sweatshirts may be worn at any time and will be confiscated.
- **Socks (if wearing trousers):** Plain black, grey, or white.
- **Coat:** If it is wet or cold students can wear a coat outside at break and lunchtime over the top of the blazer. These must be removed before entering the classroom.
- **Headscarf (worn for religious reasons):** if worn this needs to be black.
- **Jewellery:** should not be worn except for one pair of students' earrings and a watch. Earrings must be worn in each ear lobe. There must be no face, nose, tongue, or body piercings. If worn students will be required to remove them immediately, they will be confiscated and returned to parents. 'Retainers' worn in place of piercings, rings and bracelets are not permitted.
- **Make-up:** is not allowed in Y7 - 9. Discreet make-up is permissible in Y10 -11. False nails or nail varnish is not permitted. Students coming into the academy and not complying with this will be expected to remove this.



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If a student's appearance does not meet the expected standard, the academy reserves the right to apply sanctions in line with our behaviour policy. Where appropriate, a student who is not wearing the correct uniform will be asked to wear a replacement item provided by the academy until the end of that day.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours Sincerely,

Mark Cook  
Deputy Principal



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