

31st January 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

RE: Outwood Academy Non-Logoed Uniform Guide

I wrote to you in December with confirmation that our uniform policy had been updated and changes would be effective from 1st January 2023. Along with the update to parents/carers, I have also delivered assemblies to each year group to reiterate our expectations around the changes to our non-logoed uniform policy.

I am delighted to report that most students continue to get this right and meet our expectations with their correct uniform on a daily basis.

However, I would like to reiterate to parents and carers that students must wear **plain black A-line, pleated or pencil skirts made from tailored material. Tight-fitting, jersey style material tube skirts are not acceptable, neither are leggings, tracksuit bottoms or jeggings.**

In addition, all students must wear black school shoes. Trainers do not form part of our uniform policy and should only be worn for PE, with the only exceptions being a medical reason or a short-term injury requiring a period without formal shoes. A note for this should be in their planner with a parent/carer signature, reason and date.

Black **v-neck** woollen jumpers can be worn under blazers, Outwood ties must be visible at all times. Round neck or hoodie style jumpers are not acceptable and removal will be requested on entry to the Academy. Black v-neck woollen jumpers do not need to be branded and can be purchased from most high street retailers.

As always, we appreciate your continued support to ensure all students arrive at the Academy wearing the correct uniform and footwear. Should your child not be in the correct uniform or footwear, he/she will be offered a correct alternative from our uniform supply on a short loan basis and their Learning Manager will contact you to inform/discuss the matter.

I have attached a copy of the non-logoed uniform guide. If you are unsure about a garment's suitability, I advise you not to remove any tags/labels and retain your receipt until the item has been checked by a colleague in school.

Please do contact the Academy through enquiries@ripon.outwood.com if you have any queries or questions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Pratt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr W Pratt
Principal

NON-LOGOED UNIFORM GUIDE

Effective from 1 January 2023, secondary students will no longer be required to wear logoed trousers and skirts. Students will still be required to wear appropriate school trousers and skirts, as described in this guide.

Trousers

- must be plain black and in a tailored formal style;
- must **not** be cropped, tight/skinny fit, made of stretch or patterned fabric. They should **not** have decorative buttons, buckles or fashion belts;
- jeans, flares, cargo, bootlegged trousers, tracksuit bottoms, jeggings or leggings are **not** acceptable.



Skirts

- must be plain black and in a tailored formal style. Skirts may be A-line, pencil or pleated (twin, knife or box pleat);
- tight-fitting, tube skirts are **not** acceptable;
- must sit on or just above the knee;
- must **not** be made of jersey, stretch or patterned fabric;
- must be worn with a minimum of plain black 40 denier tights.



Should you have any queries regarding uniform, please contact your child's Learning Manager. If you are unsure about a garment's suitability, we advise you not to remove any tags/labels and retain your receipt until the item has been checked by a colleague in school. The Principal will retain the final decision.

Uniform Guide

We believe that a smart uniform improves discipline, self-esteem and self-respect. Uniform focuses attention upon learning and away from distractions. So that all pupils have a sense of pride in their appearance, we ask that the uniform is worn appropriately and in its entirety, as described below.

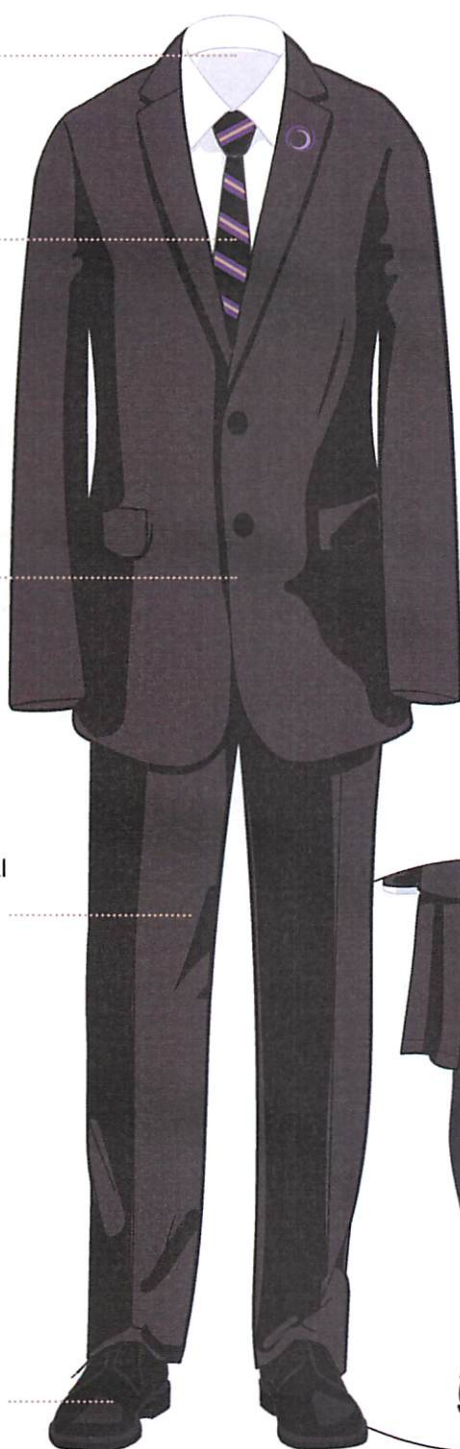
Shirt - school or plain white, long or short sleeved shirt with a stiff collar.

Tie - school clip-on tie available to buy from school, Trutex Direct and approved local uniform suppliers.

Jacket - black school jacket with school logo available to buy from Trutex Direct and approved local uniform suppliers.

Trousers - black tailored formal style trousers worn with plain black socks. Please see reverse for more information.

Shoes - plain black shoes free from embellishments and decorations. Heels should be no higher than 2.5cm/1 inch. No trainers, boots, pumps or canvas shoes. Please refer to the Uniform Policy for more information.



Students are reminded that

- sleeves on shirts, jumpers or jackets must not be rolled up at any time;
- shirts must be tucked in;
- ties must not be defaced with writing or by pulling threads;
- school bags must be large enough to fit a school planner and A4 workbooks;
- only badges agreed by the school may be worn on jackets. Other badges, e.g. charity badges, must only be on outdoor coats or bags;
- consequences can/will be issued for any uniform misdemeanour.

Optional V Neck Jumper - black full length sleeved V neck jumper.

Optional Outdoor Coats - should be fit for purpose and have no large logos. Please note that hoodies, fur, denim and studded leather jackets are not allowed. We also recommend that children who walk, scooter or cycle to school wear an item with high visibility, particularly in the darker winter months.

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Tunic Dress - tunic dress - black, with school logo available to buy from Trutex Direct and approved local uniform suppliers.

Skirt - black tailored formal skirt which sits on or just above the knee. Must be worn with black tights. Please see reverse for more information.

Tights - plain black, opaque (not patterned) and a minimum of 40 denier. Nothing else should be worn on top or under the tights such as additional socks.