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IMPORTANT CHANGES: Buckler's Mead Academy Uniform Expectations

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of some minor changes to our uniform policy for the next academic year. Overleaf is guidance, which makes clear the expectations of our uniform requirement from September 2021.

As you are now fully aware we are joining the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Trust from September 2021, we are therefore in the process of aligning our policies with those of the trust. We will be joining around 10 other secondary schools, all of whom have the same or very similar expectations. With that in mind you will notice the following changes.

- All students should be wearing leather (or leather style) school shoes, **trainers are no longer considered acceptable.**
- **School trousers should be plain black. No faded trousers, denim or denim look, chinos, joggers, leggings or hipsters should be worn. Trousers should be full length and reach down to the shoe.**

There have also been some subtle changes to the PE kit. For current students there will be no insistence that this is changed for September, instead we recognise that this will be phased in as and when PE kit needs replacing.

A reminder that Hoodies or other tracksuit style tops should not be worn and do not replace the wearing of an outdoor coat to protect from the weather.

Over the course of the last few months we have been researching adding a blazer to the academy uniform. This is also something we will be looking to implement at some time in the next academic year, more information will follow.

Where families need support in meeting the cost of the academy uniform we will do our best to offer this. Please contact Student Support or your son/daughter's tutor to enquire about this.

Students who do not meet the expectations on uniform will be supported within the academy and offered the correct uniform to borrow. Where these expectations are continually not met the academy behaviour policy will apply.

Many thanks for all your support.

Yours sincerely

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Uniform Expectations

A high standard of uniform is expected of all students. Anyone arriving at school in incorrect uniform should expect to be sent to student support or home to change. All uniform is checked on entry to and exit from classrooms as part of our ready to learn expectations.

Failure to comply with school rules will lead to further sanctions.

Jumper with logo

Shirt/blouse: white, buttoned up to neck. Any vests or t-shirts worn under the shirt must be plain white and without a logo. They should not be visible.

School Tie: striped, upper school or prefect (clip on is available).

Skirt: black A line or pleated skirts (no tube skirts) Must be knee length (primarily to maintain dignity.)

Trousers: School trousers should be plain black. No faded trousers, denim or denim look, chinos, joggers, leggings or hipsters should be worn. Trousers should be full length and reach down to the shoe.

Tailored Shorts: black, knee length tailored shorts.

Tights: plain black.

Socks: No bright colours. Socks must not be worn over tights.

Shoes: flat black leather (or leather style) school shoes, not suede or other fabrics, **not boots**. **The wearing of trainers is not allowed.**

The Academy has full discretion regarding acceptable uniform



Make up : Make up must be discreet and natural looking. Natural looking makeup may include a pale shade of eye shadow, black or brown mascara and foundation the same colour as the student's natural skin tone. The following products are not permitted; glitter make up, bold and unnatural eye liner and lipstick. Those wearing inappropriate make up will be asked to remove it. Nail extensions and/or nail varnish is not permitted in any year group and if worn by a student, they will be asked to remove it.

Hair: Hair must never be of an extreme style or colour and should not include overt patterns or lines. Hair should be natural looking. More than one colour is not acceptable. Streaks of colour within the hair that are not the student's natural hair colour are not acceptable. Mohican and under cut styles are not acceptable.

Jewellery/Badges : Earrings can be worn - one in each ear lobe. These must be of a stud type only, hoops and dangling earrings are not permitted. Earrings that are spikes and therefore protrude above the skin surface are not permitted on the grounds of health and safety. Spacer earrings are also not permitted. Jewellery is a health and safety issue when students are working in science labs, workshops and PE. All other body piercings are not acceptable and cannot be covered by a plaster. This includes nose studs, tongue bars and piercings at the top of the ear. Only one simple ring, no large stones or sovereigns. Necklaces and bracelets should not be worn; with the exception of one charity band which must be removed for PE. Official Bucklers Mead Academy badges and official charity badges can be worn. Bucklers Mead Academy badges are encouraged to be worn with pride.

Outdoor coats : Outdoor coats can be worn travelling to and from school and around site, but should not be worn in the classroom. Outdoor coats are described as protecting from the weather keeping student warm and dry. Hoodies and non-uniform jumpers/cardigans are not acceptable at anytime within school.