

Uniform Policy September 2017

All students are expected to wear their uniform to foster a sense of equality and encourage pride in the Academy. Students must always wear correct uniform while in the Academy and travelling to and from the Academy. Where appropriate, students will be directed to wear their uniform on educational visits.

School shoes should be all black and have 100% leather uppers. They should have no obvious logos and due to health and safety reasons should also have strong uppers. Canvas shoes will not be permitted. Any heels should be no more than 3cm in height. No obvious trainers, even black ones, are acceptable. Students are unable to wear any footwear that reaches above the ankle.

If parents/carers would like to visit one of our stockists, Little Gems in Washington, they should state that they are planning to attend or are attending Lord Lawson Academy. This will ensure that parents/carers are directed to acceptable items of clothing.

Boys Uniform

- Black Blazer with the Academy badge (compulsory in years 7 – 11)
- Black V-neck pullover with the Academy logo (OPTIONAL)
- White cotton school shirt that must be able to be buttoned to the top
- Black smart tailored trousers – no jeans, tight fitting trousers of any description or leggings
- School tie in appropriate house block colours

Girls Uniform

- Black Blazer with the Academy badge (compulsory in years 7 – 11)
- Black V-neck pullover with the Academy logo (OPTIONAL)
- White cotton school shirt that must be able to be buttoned to the top
- Black 'A line style' skirt, no shorter than 10 cms above the knee. *If required suitable skirts are available from Little Gems, Washington – please advise the staff that you are from Lord Lawson Academy.* Plain black tights or smart tailored black trousers - no jeans, tight fitting trousers of any description or leggings
- School tie in appropriate house block colours

If any parent/carer is in any doubt as to whether an item of footwear and/or clothing will fit in with our uniform policy, please contact your son/daughters House block.

**Midribs or underwear must never be visible
Slim Line jeans and leggings must not be worn**

Jewellery

Jewellery, (with the exception of a single pair of studs, in the lower ear), should not be worn in the Academy. Eye brow, nose studs, or any other face piercings are not permitted in the Academy for health and safety reasons. Students will be asked to remove offending items. If students are unable or unwilling to remove the jewellery they will be taught in isolation. The jewellery will be kept safe by Academy staff until it can be collected by parents. We prefer students not to wear make up in the Academy, but if it is subtly applied and unobtrusive, it will be acceptable.

Hair Colours

In the past some students have arrived at the Academy with outlandish hair colours or inappropriate styles. This has led the student to being taught in isolation until the colour or style is more acceptable. This obviously has a negative impact on student progress. While we encourage students to be individual with their own unique personality we would also wish to cultivate a positive corporate image for the Academy. If a student wishes to dye their hair then they must choose a natural colour.

Mobile Phones

We allow students to bring their mobile phones and other devices to the Academy as they can be used in some lessons as tools to aid student learning, and obviously provide a degree of safety for students travelling to and from the Academy. However, students must ensure the security of their devices as the Academy cannot accept responsibility for such items. Students are not allowed to use mobiles to text, make or receive calls during lessons. Students should never take or record images of any member of staff and/or other students. Currently students are only permitted to use their mobile phones before school and during break and lunch time. Students should store their mobile phones in a bag or locker at all other times.

Should you have any concerns over the uniform policy adopted at Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy, or require any further clarification, in the first instance, please contact your child's tutor or House block.