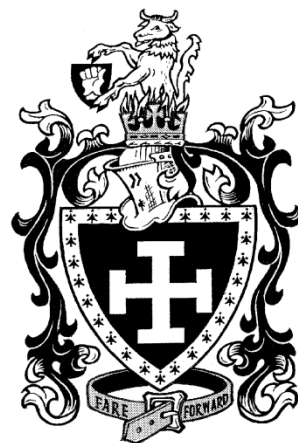



Buckler's Mead Academy



Policy Document

UNIFORM PROCEDURE (Students)

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Buckler's Mead Academy believes that high standards of dress are important to all students and staff as it helps to lay the foundations needed for life in the 21st Century. Smart dress instils confidence and pride, demonstrating respect for the values that we uphold and preparing students for life in the workplace.

The Academy has a strict uniform policy which ensures that students are fully focused on learning as opposed to fashion or trends. The policy also contributes to ensuring students' safety by making them clearly identifiable and distinct on their journey to and from the academy, onsite and on academy visits/trips.

The Academy uniform provides students with many positive advantages through:

- Ensuring a stronger focus on academic performance
- Creating an atmosphere of unity
- Encouraging pride in personal appearance
- Promoting safety, particularly through making it easier to identify strangers
- Diminishing the social exclusion of students based on what they are wearing
- Increasing self-esteem and reducing peer pressure
- Making them ambassadors for the Academy in the local community

All uniform is available for purchase through National School wear

SANCTIONS

All students are expected to appropriately wear the full Academy uniform during their provision and when travelling to/from the Academy. Students are representing the Academy at all times and should be proud to be part of the Academy community. Any student bringing the Academy into disrepute when wearing the uniform or by not adhering to the uniform policy will be sanctioned. Students not in full uniform during examinations may be prevented from entering the exam hall at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Low level issues such as having an untucked shirt, a top button undone, sleeves rolled up or jumpers/tie on person but not worn will receive a warning and the uniform should be immediately corrected – repeat offenders and all other uniform issues may receive one of the sanctions below depending upon the issue:

- Level 1 detention up to 30 minutes
- Level 2 detention up to 1 hour
- Level 3 detention up to 1.5 hours
- The student will be expected to utilise the Academy uniform stock to correct the issue
- The student's tutor will contact home to inform parents/carers of the issue and request it is resolved, this may involve the student going home to rectify the issue, if we have parental consent.
- Items such as hoodies will be confiscated and only returned at the end of academy hours.
- Significant uniform issues will result in the student being isolated from the student body until the uniform policy is fully adhered to.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Jewellery: One pair of small plain sleepers or studs may be worn if ears are pierced. No other visible piercing is allowed. All jewellery must be removed for PE activities.

Make-up: Discrete neutral nails and nail varnish and very subtle make up is allowed. If either are deemed to be overly overt then it will be requested to be removed.

Hair/headwear: Hairstyles should be appropriate for the Academy and be of one natural colour. No extremes of fashion can be worn. No scarves/gloves/ hats to be worn inside the Academy buildings. Headwear required by a religion and agreed by the Academy must be plain black.

VALUABLES

Buckler's Mead Academy will not accept liability for any claim arising from theft, accidental loss or damage to personal effects, belongings or clothing whilst at the Academy.

All personal items should be clearly marked with student's name.

UNIFORM

Students from Years 7 – 11 will be expected to wear:

- White, plain shirt: Must have a collar, to support the formal wearing of a tie, with top button done up. Must be tucked in. No item beneath shirt should be visible.
- Black trousers: No faded trousers, denim or denim look, jeans, joggers, leggings or hipsters should be worn. Knee length formal black shorts are permitted in the summer term.
- Black skirt: Classic style/material. Must be knee length. Any slit must be minimal in length. Please note this is primarily to maintain dignity.
- Plain black footwear: (Backless shoes are not permitted) **THEY MUST BE ROBUST FOR SCHOOL USE.**
- V-neck plain black jumper: with embroidered academy name and crest (To be worn at all times until a teacher or headteacher agrees otherwise)
- Academy tie: Must be worn to waistline.
- Outside Coat: No hoodies, cardigans, sweatshirts, tracksuits, denim or waistcoats will be acceptable. Outside coats must serve the purpose to shield from the weather.
- Socks: Plain black/grey/white
- Tights: Black (Leggings are unacceptable)
- Black, plain belt: Optional. This should have a standard buckle with no extreme designs.
- Appropriate carry bag: suitable for books/equipment.

Sports Wear

Compulsory Items

BMA logoed polo shirt

BMA logoed shorts/skort

Purple football socks

Trainers

Football boots (with moulded studs)

Shin pads

Purple/Black reversible rugby shirt (compulsory for playing rugby)

or BMA logoed sweatshirt

Highly recommended

Gum-shield for contact sports

Optional Items

Black tracksuit bottoms (Maximum 3 white stripes & no poppers)