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Dear Families

### Uniform updates

I would like to begin by expressing my thanks to you for your continued support in ensuring that your child is dressed smartly for school. We are immensely proud of how smart our students look and the fact that they wear our uniform with pride. In advance of the new academic year, I wanted to inform you of **two small changes** we have made to our uniform expectations.

#### Skirts

Beginning in September, **any students choosing to wear a skirt must wear our newly designed purple tartan skirts**, available from our uniform supplier, Price & Buckland (<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/schools/the-wells-academy.html>). **Black skirts will no longer be a part of our uniform.** It is important to note, however, that students do not have to wear a skirt and are still welcome to wear a pair of black trousers, as before.

#### PE Kit

Additionally, from September, **all students will need to wear a Wells Academy PE t-shirt for PE lessons**, also available from Price & Buckland. A plain black t-shirt or jumper will no longer be acceptable. We understand that purchasing new items may present a challenge for some families. If you find it difficult to acquire the new PE t-shirt, please do not hesitate to contact the academy reception directly. We are committed to supporting families in any way we can and will explore options for assistance on a case-by-case basis.

In line with statutory guidance published by the Department for Education, we have kept the use of branded items to a minimum. Other than the academy blazer, tie, academy skirt and PE t-shirt, all items can be purchased from local supermarkets.

Attached to this letter, you will find an updated copy of our uniform expectations, for your reference. This guide illustrates acceptable and unacceptable uniform options. We hope this will provide clarity for both students and families on what is allowed within our uniform policy.

Please be aware that we will continue our daily uniform checks. If a student's uniform does not meet our standards, they will be given an acceptable alternative to wear or they will be isolated from others until the issue has been rectified.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and cooperation in ensuring that our students uphold our uniform standards.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Coles  
Principal



# THE WELLS ACADEMY

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## Academy Uniform



- ✓ White shirt (regular fit, not fitted) tucked in with top button done up
- ✓ Academy tie
- ✓ Plain black trousers (off the leg – straight cut, not skinny style) or The Wells Academy skirt
- ✓ Plain, black shoes with black socks/black tights
- ✓ Academy blazer to be worn at all times
- ✓ V-neck jumper

### Inappropriate uniform (what we will not accept)

#### Footwear

- ✗ Canvas shoes or trainers
- ✗ Open front shoes
- ✗ Boots

#### Trousers

- ✗ Skinny/tight fit  
This is a particular issue for girls and these trousers cannot be skin tight either across the whole leg or at the thigh
- ✗ Elastic/legging/Lycra based
- ✗ Cropped/showing skin or ankles  
This is a particular issue for girls which, along with short socks, show ankles
- ✗ Turned up legs

#### Jewellery

- ✗ No bracelets
- ✗ No necklaces
- ✗ No rings

#### Socks

- ✗ White or coloured socks
- ✗ Trainer socks or socks with frills
- ✗ Any short socks which show ankles
- ✗ Socks with tights

#### Coat

- ✗ Hoodies
- ✗ Cardigans
- ✗ Fleeces
- ✗ Sweatshirts or zipped fabric jackets
- ✗ Wearing additional jumpers to travel to school in
- ✗ Any top that is not included in our uniform

#### Head wear

- Headscarves worn for religious reasons should be plain
- ✗ Head bands or sweat bands
  - ✗ Caps



#### Hair

- ✗ Any extreme hair style or unnatural hair colours

#### Make up/Nails

- ✗ Heavy make-up
- ✗ Acrylic or gel nail extensions
- ✗ Bright eye shadow

#### Piercings

Ear piercings: Students CAN wear one pair of small studs

- ✗ Multiple ear piercings
- ✗ Hooped earrings
- ✗ Hanging earrings
- ✗ All other types of ear piercings
- ✗ Ear stretchers/Ear expanders

Nose piercings: Students CAN wear a small stud in their nose

- ✗ Nose rings
- ✗ Septum piercings

Facial piercings:

- ✗ Any existing unacceptable piercings need to be removed regardless of when the piercings have been done (eyebrow, lip, tongue, or any other facial piercings are not permitted).