Years 7 – 11 Uniform Guidance

Please note that all students are required to be in full uniform at all times and this includes the journey to and from the Academy. Below is a summary of our expectations:

Girls

- Academy girls' blazer.
- Academy tie, which must be worn over a closed top button. Any broken ties must be replaced.
- Plain white collared shirt with a top button which must be done up; revere-necked blouses are not permitted.
- Academy sweater (long-sleeved or sleeveless).
- Plain black, **knee length uniform skirt** or **plain black classic uniform style, tailored straight cut trousers.** Casual "leisure/chino/boot-leg/jean style", trousers or those which are tight on the thighs or excessively flared at the ankle are not allowed. **Tight fitting trousers and Lycra skirts are not appropriate.**
- Open belts or belts with large buckles are not allowed.
- Plain black socks, plain black opaque tights or flesh tone tights.
- Plain black low heeled fully enclosed leather shoes. Any logos or branding must be discreet. No trainers, boots, open toed, high heeled or other unsuitable footwear is allowed. Shoes that are robust enough for poor weather should be purchased. Fashionable shoes are not appropriate. Laces, stitching and soles on shoes must be black.

Boys

- Academy boys' blazer.
- Academy tie, which must be worn over a closed top button Any broken ties will need to be replaced.
- Academy sweater (long-sleeved or sleeveless).
- Plain white collared shirt, with a top button which must be done up.
- Plain black uniform style tailored trousers. Casual "leisure/chino/boot-leg/jean style" trousers are not allowed.
- Plain black socks.
- Plain black low heeled fully enclosed leather shoes. Any logos or branding must be discreet. No trainers, boots, or other unsuitable footwear is allowed. Shoes that are robust enough for poor weather should be purchased. Fashionable shoes are not necessarily appropriate. Laces, stitching and soles on shoes must be black.
- Open belts or belts with large buckles are not allowed.

P.E. Kit

In Years 7 – 11 Students must wear Rivers Academy P.E. kit in all P.E. lessons. The rules are as follows:

- Rivers Academy P.E. Polo Shirt
- Black P.E. Shorts Or Tracksuit Bottoms
- Black P.E. Socks
- Trainers with non-marking soles and football boots (for field use)

Please remember to mark your clothing, including tie, with student's full name and academic mentor group.

Girls' and boys' coats
Plain black waterproof coats, with no stripes, designs, patterns or slogans on them. No 'hoodies', cardigans or tracksuit tops of any description are allowed. Coats that do not fit this description will be confiscated.

Hairstyles and nails
Students are not to wear extreme hairstyles (e.g. lines shaved into hair, number 1 shave, extreme colours, lengths, Mohican styles etc). The Academy reserves the right to decide what is extreme but invites students and parents to ask in advance if they need guidance. Nail extensions, false nails and nail varnish are not acceptable at Rivers. (All students will be asked to remove nail extensions and nail varnish.)

Make up
Students in Years 7-9 must not wear makeup at all including nail varnish. Those in older years may wear subtle foundation and mascara only. Lipstick, eye shadow and blusher are not appropriate. False eyelashes are not allowed. Any excesses will be challenged and the Academy will reserve the right to decide on appropriate action.

Hats and scarves
Hats must be plain black and woollen and can only be worn in winter months. Baseball caps are not acceptable. Scarves, including headscarves, must be black and plain. Scarves that do not fit this description will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the Academy day. No hats are to be worn in the buildings.

Vest, T shirts and other undergarments
T shirts, vests and other undergarments worn under white school shirts must be plain white and not clearly visible.

Piercings, jewellery and tattoos
There are to be no piercings at all except for 1 small, plain gold or silver stud in each ear. No deviation from this rule will be allowed due to Health and Safety requirements. No students will be allowed to enter Rivers Academy or lessons with other facial piercings. No other jewellery should be worn except for a discreet watch, if required. Students will not be allowed to enter Rivers Academy with a visible tattoo. Hair clips must be small in size and be plain, black, brown or navy only. Again, the Academy reserves the right to decide what is acceptable.

Facial hair
Boys may only wear beards/facial hair for reasons of religious observance, and a written request for permission to do so must first be made by parents/ carers to the Assistant Principal; otherwise boys are to be clean shaven.

Bags and Equipment
Students must ensure they bring the equipment outlined below in a plain, black bag large enough to carry text books home and other equipment. The bag will need to be a minimum of 40 x 40 cm. Rucksacks and satchels would be ideal. Students should bring the following items to the academy daily: planner, pencil case containing pens, pencils, a mathematical geometry set (including a 15cm ruler, compasses, protractor, eraser and set square), a Casio (FS-85) scientific calculator, and other equipment required for lessons on the day e.g. PE kit or Food Technology ingredients. Students without equipment for learning will be sanctioned.

Any items not prohibited will be confiscated if seen by staff and held until the end of the term.