

Ready to Learn Expectations and Guidance

All students should be ready to learn. They will show this by:

- Being smartly dressed in the correct uniform
- Being on time to school and lessons
- Having the correct equipment and resources for each lesson

Uniform

The uniform at Atlantic Academy is a symbol of our students' engagement in their learning, respect for our learning community and aspiration to achieve their very best. It is worn by all students; we expect all everyone to take pride in their appearance and to remember that they are ambassadors for their school, on their way to and from the Academy, as well as throughout the day. The uniform reflects a pride and commitment to being a member of Atlantic Academy and is a visible sign of their readiness to learn. First impressions count so we ask that uniform is always correct, clean, tidy and worn with pride.

The Academy uniform is:

- **Atlantic Academy Blazer** - worn at all times when moving about the site, in assembly and in lessons. Students may ask to remove their blazer if hot, or when summer uniform rules apply
- **White shirt** with collar and sleeves it must be buttoned up to the collar and of sufficient length to stay tucked in
- **Atlantic Academy tie** worn smartly (with five stripes showing) and tied up to the collar of the shirt
- Optional **plain navy V-neck jumper** or **plain navy waistcoat**
- **Formal pressed, plain navy trousers** (must not be skinny fit or jean style) or **formal navy knee length skirt** or **smart tailored knee length navy shorts**. Navy or black plain belts are allowed.
- **Plain black shoes or trainers** with a low heel and laces should be **all black**. Sports trainers can be worn at break times only.
- **Plain navy, black or neutral** tights or socks. No leggings or thermal wear to be visible under shorts or skirts.
- **Waterproof outdoor coat** big enough to wear over the blazer, hats, scarves and gloves can be worn to and from the Academy and outside during break times but must then be stored in lockers during lesson times.
- Hoodies are not permitted at the Academy; if worn to school, they must be stored in lockers during the day.

Every item of clothing must be clearly marked with the student's name. If for any reason students are not in the correct uniform they must report to reception as soon as they arrive at school.

PE Kit

- Academy Tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- Academy Polo shirt or Rugby top
- Trainers
- Optional kit includes Academy fleece, thermals/under armour and waterproofs (weather dependent).
- Football studs, shin pads and other specialist equipment can be brought in when appropriate for lessons. Sun cream and a cap should be worn when working outside in sunny weather.

- Long hair must be tied back and all jewellery must be removed.

Jewellery, Makeup and Hair

- Excessive jewellery must not be worn but some jewellery is allowed. Students may wear no more than a single stud earring in each ear, a fine necklace worn underneath the school shirt, a wristwatch and single small ring. These will all need to be removed for practical lessons at the teacher's request. Clear nose studs are permitted, but must be removed for all practical lessons.
No additional rings, visible facial piercings or other piercings/jewellery items are allowed.
- Hair must be a natural colour and worn in a style that does not compromise health or safety. Extreme hair styles are not appropriate for the Academy. (If any question over the nature of extreme the Principal will decide).
- Makeup should be discreet; if it is noticeable it is not discreet! This includes fake tan that is not of a natural colour. Fake nails and coloured nail polish are not allowed.

Students will be asked to remove makeup or jewellery that isn't discrete before they attend lessons. Jewellery will be confiscated if worn repeatedly or considered dangerous and returned to a parent.

Equipment

- School bags should be practical, large enough to carry the necessary books and equipment and be easy to carry. A rucksack style is ideal.
- Student pencil cases needs to include:
 - At least two pens (black/blue)
 - At least two pencils
 - A ruler
 - A rubber
 - A calculator
 - Optional items include - protractor, compass, glue, scissors, scientific calculator, highlighters, whiteboard and pens
- Phones are allowed in the Academy however students are not allowed to use them in sessions without the express permission of the teacher for a specific activity. Phones will not be able to be connected to the school wifi.
- Chromebooks will remain in the Academy and be available when needed for lessons during the school day. If students bring in their own IT devices, parents and students take responsibility for them. Only devices registered with the IT team will be able to connect to the academy wifi.
- Additional items may be needed for specific subjects (e.g. Food technology, STEM) so students will need to be well organised to bring them to school for the correct sessions.
- Chewing gum is not allowed.
- Drinking water is allowed in lessons in clear plastic bottles but is not allowed in science laboratories or areas where IT equipment is in use. Students are responsible for topping up drinking bottles at break and lunchtime and not during lesson times. No other drinks are allowed in class.

Arriving at a lesson without the correct equipment disrupts the learning of others so students will be able to buy missing equipment at reception at the start of the school day.