

Our Ref IMI/TUR/MRO

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Uniform Expectations**

As we come to the end of what has been a fantastic year for the academy, we hope that September brings a fresh start for all of us.

Thank you to the parents and carers that attended the uniform event on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. All students and staff follow a dress code that helps to create the right learning ethos and demonstrates our commitment to excellence. The vast majority of students wear their uniform with pride.

### **Here is an overview of updates on our uniform expectations for September:**

- Trousers must go past the ankle
- Socks must be black and go above the ankle.
- Shoes must be plain black and polishable
- Students must bring a bag to school that can fit an A4 workbook in
- Students in Years 7-10 (this current academic year) will be issued with a new tie in September. Each year group will be represented by a different colour stripe on the royal blue tie. Year 11 students will continue to have the silver tie.
- On the first day back in September, we would appreciate it if students could wear their current tie and donate this to the school
- The new tie will be paid for by the Academy. Online sales of the new tie will be available during the summer holidays for any parents wishing to buy a spare tie for their child.

**Y7 – Royal/Silver**  
**Y8 – Royal/Red**  
**Y9 – Royal/Emerald**  
**Y10 – Royal/Orange**  
**Y11 – Silver/Royal**



### **Here is a reminder of our other uniform expectations:**

**Footwear** - The policy states: **students must wear plain black school shoes (not trainer-style shoes, boots or plimsolls.) Please note that “Vans” or “Converse” branded shoes are not acceptable. Shoes should have no visible markings or brandings.** In order to clarify our expectations, **below are examples of acceptable footwear.**



**Trousers and Skirts** - Please note that chain stores may sell items as school uniform, which are not acceptable at Consett Academy. We **DO NOT ALLOW** tight or stretchy skirts, leggings, jeans or trousers which look like them. Below are examples of acceptable trousers and skirts.



**Black formal style**

**trousers** - straight leg or bootcut style only. Trousers must be full length and the hem should rest on the top of the shoes.



Skirts should be made out the same material as school trousers, no woollen or lycra. The length must be either on or below the knee. Black Academy School Skirt – The **ONLY** acceptable school skirt must be purchased from The School Outfit website.

Please do not incur any additional expense or feel pressurised into buying these items, which will have to be replaced with acceptable Consett Academy Uniform.

If students are not in the correct uniform, you may be asked to collect them or bring the correct uniform in for them to change into.

**A reminder about Consett Academy's Personal Appearance Expectations:**

We are always conscious of health and safety risks both to the owner and others in the wearing of jewellery. Therefore, the only jewellery allowed is a wristwatch. Piercings, facial or bodily, are not allowed due to Health and Safety considerations. Students who come into the Academy wearing any jewellery will be asked to remove it and it will be kept and returned to them at the end of the day.

**Make-up** - Make-up, if worn at all, should be discreetly used and not be excessive. Nail varnish, nail extensions including false/gel/acrylic etc and nail decoration are not allowed.

**Hair styles** - Hair Styles should be practical, clean and suitable for a working environment. Please note - hairstyles representing various cults e.g. punk, Mohican, hair shaved in bands, stripes, initials or dyed in unnatural colours are unacceptable. Eyebrows shaved in stripes are also unacceptable.

**Mobile Phones:**

As an Academy we expect students to keep all mobile phones switched off and out of site when around the Academy. Allowing mobile phones outside of lessons can be a safeguarding concern as we cannot monitor the students safe use of them. We ask that all parents support us with this and if students are found to have a mobile phone out without permission it will be removed from them. Here are our sanctions if a mobile phone is seen or heard:

- 1st Offence – (If mobile device handed in) goes to student reception and is collected at the end of the day. After-school detention issued C3.
- 1st Offence (phone not handed over) student receives a suspension C6.
- 2nd Offence (and any thereafter) Life ban, a further C6 and a letter to parents/carers confirming this.

**Equipment:**

All students must bring a pencil case, pen, pencil, ruler and reading book with them to school on a daily basis in a school bag that can fit at least an A4 workbook in.

All classrooms are equipped with a pencil sharpener. Students are not required to bring in pencil sharpeners.

We hope that everyone manages a well-deserved break with time to rest and look forward to welcoming all students back to the Academy in September.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated support. If you have any further queries around uniform, don't hesitate to contact us through:

[enquiries@consettacademy.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@consettacademy.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I Middleton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr I Middleton  
Deputy Principal