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Dear Parent/Carer

To support your child's return to the academy in September and to allow you sufficient time to plan and purchase the necessary items, I write to remind you of the equipment and uniform expectations.

Equipment

All students are expected to arrive fully equipped for learning and must have a school bag which can fit A4 books. Students must have a pencil case containing the following items:

- Scientific calculator
- Protractor
- 2 x Pencils
- A rubber
- 2 x Black pens
- Blue Pen
- Red pen
- Highlighter (any colour)
- 30cm ruler



Fully equipped pencil cases continue to be sold direct by the academy at a significantly reduced price and are available via ParentPay.

Uniform

Shenley students wear their uniform with pride. The list below details the specific uniform requirements. Should you be purchasing a skirt please note that the skirt must be tailored and knee length. Lycra or skirts that are above knee length are not permitted at the academy. Black jeans, jean style trousers, leggings or stretch fit trousers are not allowed. Please note also that knee high socks are not part of the academy uniform. Our uniform consists of:

- Plain black tailored trousers
- Plain black knee length tailored skirt – all year groups
- Plain white school shirt
- Academy tie – clip on
- Black/red V-necked sweater with Academy badge
- Black tights only with skirts (no footless tights or leggings)
- Dark socks with trousers
- Plain black formal school shoes (leather/leather like material without a logo)

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Examples of trousers and skirts that are / are not acceptable at Shenley Academy

Plain black formal trousers



Plain black knee length tailored skirts



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Outdoor Wear

- Plain black outdoor coat - ideally one which is waterproof and warm.
- Plain black hat/gloves/scarf
- A suitable bag is required to carry books, such as, a ruck sack.

Hooded tops must not be worn at any time.

Shoes

Plain black formal school shoes (leather/leather like material without a logo)

Examples of shoes that ARE acceptable



Examples of shoes that are NOT acceptable



Trainers (even plain black) or canvas footwear are not permitted. Manufacturers such as Nike, Adidas, Converse and Puma will not be accepted as appropriate footwear providers for school shoes. If you are in any doubt on the suitability of the footwear that you are purchasing, please contact the academy, who will advise you as to whether the footwear is appropriate, prior to making the purchase to avoid unnecessary expense.

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Hairstyles

For Health and Safety reasons, and to support the general business-like values of the academy, the academy expects students to have reasonable hairstyles and colours. If the Headteacher, or a member of staff acting for the Headteacher, considers a student's hairstyle to be unreasonable, then the student will be asked to rectify the matter. The academy will take a strict line on inappropriate hairstyles/hair colouring; only 'natural' hair colours are permitted, no 'tram lines', patterns or messages to be cut into the hair.

Jewellery

We do not allow any piercings to be worn, with the exception, of a single pair of stud earrings in the lower lobe. Please note that **nose piercings are not permitted** and students will be expected to remove any piercings, as such, if you are considering allowing your child to have their nose pierced over the summer holidays please do so at the start to ensure that you allow sufficient time for it to heal so that the piercing can be removed for school. Plasters over piercings will not be permitted.

Students may wear a watch but please note that smart watches are not allowed, in line with JCQ regulations.

No other jewellery is allowed to be worn at the academy.

I very much hope that the information in this letter supports you in preparing to return in September and allows sufficient time for you to plan purchases. I wish you a lovely summer break and look forward to welcoming students back in September.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Bartlett
Headteacher