

12th November 2010

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Please find below the introduction to the Hampton Academy Dress Code Policy.

'In keeping with the philosophy of Hampton Academy, our dress code allows students some choice as to which items of clothing they wear and in which combination, providing the Hampton Academy logo or tie is visible. The dress code below was designed and approved by our students. We believe that our students will respond with the appropriate degree of maturity to being given greater flexibility over what they wear to school. '

Our message for students from Day One has been that their dress code should be 'fit for purpose'. This means that where they have a degree of flexibility e.g. as to which trousers or skirt to wear, they should ensure that what they choose is suitable for school.

Most students have responded exactly as we hoped, and look very smart. I have had a lot of positive comments from parents and visitors about our students' appearance. Unfortunately a small number of students have started to turn up wearing clothing which is clearly inappropriate for school, such as very thin light leggings. These do not look smart and give the wrong message. Some of you have rightly expressed concern on this matter. We have therefore taken the decision that as of this week, leggings may not be worn as part of Hampton Academy's dress code. Please support your daughter by ensuring that she has an appropriate pair of plain black trousers or skirt to wear to school.

I would also like to remind parents and students of two other requirements.

- Students' dress must show they belong to Hampton Academy. This means either wearing a top with the logo clearly displayed, or wearing the academy tie, whilst at school
- Outdoor coats and jackets must be plain black or dark navy OR the academy's hooded top with logo. NB the hooded top may not be worn within the school building.

I enclose our dress code list overleaf as further clarification. Thank you for your support of our students' dress code.

Yours sincerely

Sue Demont
Principal

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Dress Code

Within the mix and match elements of the uniform the following are available all with the Academy logo:

- V-neck jumpers
- Cardigans
- Blazers/ jackets
- Polo shirts
- Ties

The above should be worn with

- plain black skirt or trousers
- plain white shirt OR Academy polo shirt
- plain black footwear and socks
- plain black or dark navy coat/ jacket OR hooded top with the Hampton Academy logo

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- PE shirt with Academy logo
- plain black shorts or jogging bottoms
- trainers
- towel

Supplier

Len Smiths, 1-15 Heath Road, Twickenham TW1 4DB

Jewellery

One small stud in each ear; no other piercings

Hair and make up

Hair should be “natural” in colour in keeping with our learning culture and environment. Extreme hairstyles and colourings are incompatible with this. Discreet make-up is allowed.

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