

WATH ACADEMY

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

2026 – 2027

A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND CARERS



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Introduction

Wath Academy students must be in perfect uniform at all times, from leaving their home in the morning, until they return home. The Academy attaches great importance to appropriate dress. It helps to establish a feeling of community, sense of belonging and develops the personal presentation skills of our students. Uniform is therefore not an option; it is a necessity. We expect all students to wear our uniform with pride. Whenever students are wearing the Academy uniform, they are representing the Academy.

If shoes or an item of uniform is damaged or missing and there is a slight delay in replacing it, then the Academy will provide a temporary replacement. Failing this, a student could be sent home to rectify the issue or placed in a consequence room.

The Principal will make the final decision of whether items of uniform are acceptable. If you are unsure whether or not certain items of uniform meet our uniform requirements, please check with the Academy before you purchase them.

There are certain items of our uniform that can only be bought from specific providers. These items include:

- Academy tie
- Academy blazer with badge
- Academy approved skirt

These items are available to be purchased from our two external providers:

- Prestige Printers: purchases can be made from their shop based in Swinton; further details on their website www.prestige-printers.co.uk
- Pinders Schoolwear: purchases can be made from their two shops based in Rotherham or online at www.pindersschoolwear.com



The Academy Uniform

Blazers: Students must wear blazers at all times when inside the school building. Blazers may be removed during lessons or while seated in social areas, but must be put back on before leaving the classroom or standing in the social area. The Academy will notify parents if extreme weather dictates the blazers being optional.

Y 7-11 students are required to wear a maroon blazer with school badge.
Y12-13 students are required to wear a black blazer with sixth form badge.

Footwear: Students must wear shoes that are completely black, look professional and not have any logos or tags. Kickers branded shoes are not allowed to be worn. The sole of the shoe must be completely black. The laces must be black and the eyelets which the laces go through must be small and black. They must be formal shoes, not black trainers, boots, converse, pumps, sandshoes, sandals or jelly shoes. Footwear with trainer-like soles, canvas, suede or rubber shoes are also not allowed.

The shoes must be leather, patent leather or leather look and must be able to be polished. A maximum of two buckles are allowed on any style of shoe. These buckles must be black or silver. Any stitching on the sole or the shoe must be black. Velcro fastening shoes, must still have the look of a formal shoe and not a trainer. Shoes with a zip are not permitted. Recommended shoes are shown below.



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Skirts and Tights: If your child chooses to wear a skirt, it must be the single approved Academy skirt. **No other skirt is permitted.** The skirt is a black S-cut straight line skirt manufactured by Banner uniform (Item number: 111508). You can only purchase this skirt from Prestige printers www.prestige-printers.co.uk who have a shop in Swinton or Pinders Schoolwear from their two shops in Rotherham or online at: www.pindersschoolwear.com. When worn, the skirt must be **knee-length, with the bottom of the skirt in line with the top of the student's patella (kneecap).** To ensure the skirt meets the minimum expected length for the full academic year, it is advised that a skirt longer than the knee is purchased in September to account for students growing. Both our uniform providers have skirt lengths to suit all students. Students must wear tights if they choose to wear a skirt. Tights must be plain black and professional looking and 60+ denier. Tights must not be patterned or have any texture to them. Leggings are not permitted.



Trousers: Trousers must be formal, plain black that cover the ankle with no pattern or zips. All pockets must go into the trousers and not be visible from the outside. Black full length socks that cover the ankle must be worn with all trousers. Trousers must not have any studs, chains, visible zips or tassels attached and should not be tight fitting at the ankle.

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The following trousers are not acceptable in any year group:

Combat trousers

- Trousers with patch/studded pockets
- Leggings
- Drainpipe trousers
- Jeans or chinos
- Slim fit or skinny trousers
- Low rise hipsters
- Any other inappropriate fashion trousers

Belts: If a belt is worn, it must be plain black with no patterns or indentations (no other colour or part colour is acceptable) aside from the buckle. The belt must be made from leather or a similar leather look material. The buckle must be basic, look professional and display no logo. The buckle must be black or silver in colour. Coloured stitching is not permitted.

Shirts: Shirts must be completely white with a collar. Logos on shirts are not permitted. The top button must be present and fastened at all times. Shirts must be tucked into trousers/skirts. Sleeves on shirts and blazers must always be rolled down whilst walking around the academy. Any item of clothing worn underneath the shirt must not be visible through the shirt.

Socks: Socks must be plain black and professional looking. Socks must go above the ankle and frills are not allowed.

Jumpers (Optional): In all years students may wear a plain black V-neck jumper, with no logos on, beneath their blazer.

Lanyard and House badges: The lanyard must be worn at all times in school around the neck. It should clearly be displayed and not be tucked in a student's jumper or blazer pocket. The lanyard needs to be worn at the correct length and not be worn with knots in it. If any part of the lanyard or ID badge is damaged or defaced students will be required to purchase a new item immediately. The House badge should be pinned and displayed on the student's blazer at all times. It should be pinned in the middle of the left lapel of the blazer.

Ties: Students must wear an Academy clip on tie at all times. This must be clipped onto the top button of the student's shirt, which must be fastened.

Outdoor Coats: Outdoor coats of any type must not be worn instead of or underneath the Academy blazer anywhere on the Academy site. Coats or Jackets of any type must not be worn inside the Academy building. All coats must be dark in colour. Please note hoodies, leather or denim outdoor coats/jackets are not acceptable.

Bag: Students are expected to bring a bag to the Academy every day. We recommend a rucksack which is dark in colour, ideally plain black with only a small logo. The school bag must be able to hold an outdoor coat, student planner, A4 exercise books/folders, writing equipment and PE kit in it.

General Appearance Expectations

Hair: Hair needs to be smart and conservative. Extreme hair colours are not permitted (only natural looking colours are allowed). Extreme hair styles and/or shaved lines/patterns, are also not permitted for any student. Pupils will be asked to rectify these issues as soon as possible and parents will be contacted. If the issue cannot be rectified, the student will be placed in a consequence room until the hair meets academy expectations.

Make-up: Make-up must not be visible (if make-up can be seen it must be removed)

The following are not permitted:

- False eyelashes
- Unnatural looking eyebrows such as HD brows
- Fake tan or spray tan that does not look natural

Accessories: The following are acceptable:

- Hair bobble (must be black)
- A headband can be worn provided it is black and no more than 1 cm wide
- Hairclips (must be black)

The following are not permitted:

- False nails (including coloured or French polish)
- Painted nails – only clear nail polish is permitted
- Bandanas – this includes wearing them as a hairband
- Badges (other than badges issued by the Academy)
- Caps or hats
- Visible tattoos

Jewellery: The following are acceptable:

- One plain and discrete (circular/ball shaped) pair of small silver or gold ear studs worn in ear lobes. The stud must not contain a stone, crystal or diamond
- One watch

The following are not permitted:

- Facial piercings (clear spacers or retainers are not allowed at any time)
- Other jewellery – (including rings, bracelets, bangles)
- Sleepers, stretchers, spike earrings or hoops
- Coloured earrings or earrings with a stone, crystal or diamond.

Physical Education Kit

Our uniform providers are Prestige Printers www.prestige-printers.co.uk who have a shop in Swinton and Pinders Schoolwear (www.pindersschoolwear.com) The following items must be purchased from our providers:

- Wath Academy T-shirt or Wath Academy fitted girls' polo shirt (*compulsory*)
- Wath Academy Rugby shirt (*Optional*)
- Wath Academy Hooded top (*Optional*)
- Wath Academy Rain Jacket (*optional*)



Any other items may be purchased from elsewhere but they must meet the Wath Academy Uniform Policy.

- Black football socks or plain black socks (*compulsory*)
- Black shorts or long black cycling shorts or black tracksuit bottoms or plain black leggings – these must be plain black, with no stripes or writing down the side. A small logo for the brand is allowed. (*compulsory*)



Basic Equipment Check List For Students

So students can fully engage with their learning they must attend every lesson with the minimum equipment listed below:

- Planner
- 1 Black pen
- 1 Purple Pen
- 1 Pencil
- 1 Black Whiteboard pen
- Ruler
- Scientific Calculator
- Clear Pencil Case
- Rubber

Rectifying Missing Uniform

We firmly believe that our uniform expectations are a leveller for all students, they promote high standards and help with vital skills such as organisation, care and pride.

If any of the above are an issue, we expect students to rectify it immediately. We have a uniform stock that we will use to replenish missing items to enable students to go to their lessons. Any missing items that are issued to students are done so initially at no cost to the student/parents. However, if the items are not returned the following day to the uniform room the cost of this item will be charged to the students ParentPay account, the students will also have a C4 60-minute detention issued.

Additional information: The academy will communicate any short-term uniform expectation changes due to weather conditions if and when appropriate.



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