

11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Student Uniform and Resources

As we begin the preparations for the new academic year, we wanted to share a reminder of our uniform and equipment expectations with you so that you and your child can be fully prepared for September 2025. We are keen for everyone to make a strong start to the year.

### Equipment

Please ensure that your child has a bag (large enough for an A4 folder). It is essential that students also have their own basic equipment (**pens (black and green), pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil case, etc**). Students can purchase an additional pencil case, with equipment, for using their rewards points if required.

Students must bring their equipment and bag with them each day as a minimum expectation. We will issue corrections where a student does not have bag/equipment with them. For KS4 students (those in Y10 and Y11), it is vital for them to bring their own scientific calculator to use in lessons. It might also be wise to purchase a scientific calculator before then, so that your child can practice using its functions and get used to how their version works (they are all slightly different). Calculators suitable for school are available quite reasonably priced in most major supermarkets, in Argos and on Amazon and via Parentpay.

### Uniform

All students must wear **full uniform**, please ensure that new uniform where required is purchased in plenty of time. I know that during the holiday period many students may change their hair colour and grow accustomed to wearing nails and make-up, therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform expectations for our return:

- Full Academy uniform is always expected including uniform for PE.
- **Plain black socks** for all students wearing tailored trousers or tailored shorts.
- **Skirts** must be worn correctly and **must not** be rolled up, modified or gathered in any way. Where a student has modified a skirt then this will be deemed to be a deliberate choice, and a correction will be issued. There are no exceptions to this. If a skirt does not fit correctly for any reason, then it remains a parent or carers responsibility to ensure that a different size is purchased but the academy will help where it is able to, for example by loaning a size that fits.
- **Skirts must now be tailored. Elastane 'tube type' lycra/jersey stretch skirts are no-longer permitted.**  
Please make sure that your daughter wears an appropriate **tailored skirt**. This is so that we can ensure that their time at the start of the day, is spent having positive conversations with staff and accessing precious learning time from the moment they arrive at the academy, rather than being faced with negative challenges and then spending time changing into academy appropriate uniform.
- **The minimum skirt length is 18 inches.** Tailored skirts are available from almost all supermarkets and from websites such as Amazon and directly from our uniform suppliers, relatively inexpensively. Search: 'tailored black school skirt' to find one online. *Trutex* has a smart tailored skirt for school seniors which has sizes up to a 40" waist (see here: [Back Vent Skirt UK | Trutex School Uniform](#))
- Plain white socks, or plain black tights or socks, or tights of a natural colour should be worn when wearing a skirt.
- Jumpers are *optional* but must be a **plain black knitted V neck jumper**. Older style jumpers with an EA logo are still acceptable, but no other jumpers can be worn.
- Students may bring a coat to school. This must be worn over the top of their blazer. Coats are not to be worn inside the building and must be removed at the red line.

**Shoes (and medical evidence)**

- Shoes should be plain black (and leather or leather-like). Shoes that do not fit this profile such as **pumps, trainers, jelly, suede, high tops or canvas shoes** are not permitted, nor are shoes with logos of any type. Shoes must be completely black. Search 'plain black school shoes' for appropriate types. *Remember that just because a vendor describes their item as 'school appropriate' does not mean that it is.* Please check with a member of staff/your child's HoY if you are unsure.
- If your child requires a different type of footwear for medical reasons then you should arrange an appointment in school with a member of the senior leadership team for your child's Key Stage, where medical evidence will be required. In the event of alternative footwear being agreed, any alternative footwear allowed must be plain black and unbranded.

**Jewellery and Makeup**

- **No excessive jewellery is permitted.** Students may wear a wristwatch (smart watches which connect to the internet/record media etc are not allowed).  
**Please note that no watches of any kind are allowed in examination rooms (JCQ Examination rules and regulations).**
- No piercings are allowed except single stud earring in each ear and single stud in nose (clear or natural colour)
- Medic alert jewellery is permitted. Please discuss with the Academy Principal for each individual case.
- Make-up must be very discrete. If makeup is noticeable, it is not discrete.
- **Fake eyelashes of any length or shape are not allowed**, and students will be asked to remove them and issued with a correction if they fail to do so.
- **No false nails are permitted.**
- **Hair must be a natural colour and style.** Any hair accessories must be black.
- Sometimes students tell us that they cannot remove gel nails or false eyelashes or take out a piercing. This is not acceptable as we make our policy very clear on the website and share widely with students through the Behaviour Playbook each term. It states that these items should not be worn in school. Any student intending to have a piercing, should do so at the very start of the summer holiday, so that the jewellery can be removed by the time that we return in September.

**Healthy School**

- Chewing gum, fizzy pop (including energy drinks), big bags of sweets and crisps etc are **NOT** allowed on site. We are a healthy eating school. Students may wish to bring a refillable water bottle. This is actually quite sensible – there are water stations in the canteen where free fresh water can be accessed.
- Please note that students **MUST** have a water bottle to be able to use the dispensers.

**Additional guidance**

Please see the uniform page on the website: [Academy uniform – Erdington Academy](#) and the [Uniform Standards poster](#) from the Behaviour Playbook on the next page.

**Mobile Phones**

- We are a **no mobile phone site**; phones are not allowed anywhere on the academy site. If your child chooses to bring in a phone, it must be switched off and placed in their bag. We are not liable for any breakages or theft. If a phone is seen or heard by a member of staff, then this will be confiscated and must be collected by a parent/carer if this happens on multiple occasions.

There are **uniform sales and events** currently in a plethora of places both on the high street and online. Money Saving Expert (Martin Lewis) has several suggestions of where to start bargain hunting: [School uniform moneysaving tips](#)

Our uniform suppliers:

[Erddington Academy Uniform – Clive Mark](#) allow you to pay in instalments (for purchases over £35) and [Erddington Academy – Crested School Wear](#) sell additional items (calculators and equipment packs), which might be useful.

We have high expectations for our students: your children. Parental support is vital in terms of ensuring that your child arrives at school in the correct uniform and fully equipped to make the most of every minute of learning. Thank you in advance for all your efforts.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K Wright.  
Vice Principal Behaviour & Ethos

## ERDINGTON ACADEMY UNIFORM STANDARDS



### FOOTWEAR

Black shoes. Shoes should be of a polishable material and have low heels. Lace up shoes should have black laces only.

Training shoes, boots, canvas shoes, Nike Air Max, Vans, Converse or similar footwear are NOT allowed as school shoes.

### UNIFORM

- Black blazer with academy logo
- Tailored black skirt OR black tailored trousers (no leggings, jersey skirts, denim, cord or skin tight trousers. Skirts should be no more than 3cm above or below the knee).
- White collared shirt
- Tie in House colours appropriate for your Key stage
- Black shoes with low heels. Lace up shoes should have black laces only. Shoes should be of a polishable material (No training shoes, boots or canvas shoes allowed)
- Plain white socks or plain black or natural tights
- Narrow black belt with small plain buckle
- Jewellery: one stud in each ear and one watch. Single stud in nose (clear and natural)
- Make up to be kept natural and subtle
- No extreme haircuts or colour
- No acrylic or false nails

### GAMES AND PE KIT

- Reversible long sleeve sports top OR short sleeve sports polo shirt with school badge (compulsory)
- Black appropriate track suit bottoms optional
- Plain shorts – black
- Plain skirt – black
- School branded or plain black football socks
- Football boots
- Outdoor trainers (mandatory)

*Please Note: Hooded tops, tracksuit tops, leather jackets or denim coats are not permitted.*

### SCHOOL BAGS

- Must be able to carry an A4 book
- Made of a robust and weather resistant fabric

