

# Student Uniform Expectations

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## Years 7 – 11 Uniform

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*All staff CARE to ensure that students are dressed in full Academy uniform*

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We **all** care to ensure that students are in full uniform at all times, this includes the journeys to and from the Academy.

Any confiscated items should be taken to reception labelled with the student's name and AM group. Below is a summary of our expectations:

### Girls

- Rivers Academy girls' blazer
- Rivers Academy clip-on tie, which must be worn over a closed top button. Any broken ties will need to be replaced
- Plain white collared shirt with a top button which must be done up; reverse-necked blouses are not permitted
- Rivers Academy sweater (long-sleeved or sleeveless)
- Plain black, knee length uniform skirt or plain black classic uniform style, tailored straight-cut trousers. Casual "leisure/chino/boot-leg/jean style" trousers or those which are tight on the thighs or excessively flared at the ankle are not allowed. Tight fitting trousers and lycra skirts are not appropriate
- Open belts or belts with large buckles are not allowed
- Plain black socks, worn below the knee, plain black opaque tights or flesh tone tights.
- Plain black low heeled fully enclosed leather shoes. Any logos or branding must be discreet. No trainers, boots, open toed, high heeled or other unsuitable footwear is allowed. Shoes that are robust enough for poor weather should be purchased. Fashionable shoes are not appropriate. Laces, stitching and soles on shoes must be black.

### Boys

- Rivers Academy boys' blazer
- Rivers Academy clip-on tie, which must be worn over a closed top button Any broken ties will need to be replaced
- Rivers Academy sweater (long-sleeved or sleeveless)
- Plain white collared shirt, with a top button which must be done up
- Open belts or belts with large buckles are not allowed
- Plain black uniform style tailored trousers. Casual "leisure/chino/boot-leg/jean style" trousers are not allowed.
- Plain black socks
- Plain black low heeled fully enclosed leather shoes. Any logos or branding must be discreet. No trainers, boots, or other unsuitable footwear is allowed. Shoes that are robust

enough for poor weather should be purchased. Fashionable shoes are not necessarily appropriate. Laces, stitching and soles on shoes must be black

## **P.E. Kit**

### **In Years 7 – 11**

Students must wear Rivers Academy P.E. kit in all P.E. lessons.

The rules are as follows:

- Rivers Academy P.E. Polo Shirt
- Rivers Academy P.E. Shorts

*Or*

- Rivers Academy Tracksuit Bottoms
- Rivers Academy P.E. Socks
- Trainers with non-marking soles *or* football boots (for field use)
- Optional items include: shin guards, gum shields etc., according to the age of the student and the sport being played. A Rivers Academy fleece is available to purchase from:

Stevensons, 1-15 Heath Road, Twickenham,  
Middlesex, TW1 4DB

Website: [www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk)

Telephone: 0208 892 2201

## **Girls' and boys' coats**

Plain black waterproof coats, with no stripes, designs, patterns or slogans on them. No 'hoodies', cardigans or tracksuit tops of any description are allowed.

## **Hairstyles and nails**

Students are not to wear extreme hairstyles (e.g. lines shaved into hair, number 1 shave, extreme colours, lengths, Mohican styles etc.)

The Academy reserves the right to decide what is extreme but invites students and parents to ask in advance if they need guidance.

Nail extensions and nail varnish are not acceptable at Rivers. (All students will be asked to remove nail extensions and nail varnish.)

## **Make up**

Students in Years 7-9 should not wear makeup at all including nail varnish. Those in older years may wear subtle foundation and mascara. Lipstick, eye shadow and blusher are not appropriate. False eyelashes are not allowed. Any excesses will be challenged and the academy will reserve the right to decide on appropriate action.

### **Hats and scarves**

Hats must be plain black and woollen and can only be worn in winter months. Baseball caps are not acceptable. Scarves, including headscarves, must be black and plain. No hats are to be worn in the buildings.

### **Piercings, jewellery and tattoos**

There are to be no piercings at all except for 1 small, plain gold or silver stud in each ear. No deviation from this rule will be allowed due to Health and Safety requirements. No students will be allowed to enter Rivers Academy or lessons with other facial piercings. No other jewellery should be worn except for a discreet watch, if required. Students will not be allowed to enter Rivers Academy with a visible tattoo. Parents are advised to ensure that their children know the implications of this rule. Hair clips must be small in size and be plain, black, brown or navy only. Again, the Academy reserves the right to decide what is acceptable.

### **Facial hair**

Boys may only wear beards/facial hair for reasons of religious observance, and a written request for permission to do so must first be made by parents to the Assistant Principal; otherwise boys are to be clean shaven.

### **School bag**

Students in years 7-9 must have a Rivers Academy school bag, the rest of the Academy must have a plain, black bag large enough to carry textbooks home and other equipment. The bag will need to be a minimum of 40 x 40 cm. Rucksacks and satchels of that size or larger would be ideal. Students should bring the following items to the Academy daily: planner, pencil case containing pens, pencils, a mathematical geometry set (including a 15cm ruler, compasses, protractor, eraser, glue stick and set square), a scientific calculator, and other equipment required for lessons on the day e.g. PE kit or Food Technology ingredients. There should be no expectation that the Academy will lend students any equipment at all. Those arriving without the minimum requirement will receive appropriate sanction.

### **Vest, T shirts and other undergarment**

T shirts, vests and other undergarments worn under white school shirts must be plain white and not clearly visible.

Confiscated items will be returned at the end of the term

### **STUDENTS BRING VALUABLE ITEMS (INCLUDING BICYCLES) TO RIVERS AT THEIR OWN RISK**

Please remember to mark your clothing including tie, with your name.

## Post-16 Dress Code

Sixth Form students are important representatives of the Academy and role models for younger students. As such their appearance must be outstanding and they are asked to observe the dress code outlined below. This applies on Academy premises, when travelling to and from Rivers, attending examinations or representing Rivers Academy in any way. The principles of the code are that students should dress smartly and with formality appropriate for the business/educational workplace. Students should be mindful that at all times and in all places their appearance and conduct contribute to the community's perception of Rivers Academy.

Boys are to wear two piece suits with shirt and tie. The top button must be done up and tie worn to it. Ties must be appropriate for attendance at the Academy and shirts must be tucked in. Gaudy colours and elaborate patterns are not appropriate.

Girls should wear a formal suit with a tailored long sleeved jacket with either full-length tailored trousers or a formal skirt. Skirts should not be of a stretchy, lycra material and should be knee length. Jackets should be worn at all times.

Girls should wear plain tops of a modest length and necklines should be appropriate for the workplace. Shoulders must be covered at all times.

All students should wear plain, practical, sturdy shoes. Backless shoes, trainers and sandals are not appropriate.

Students may wear discreet jewellery only. Boys may wear a single, plain sleeper stud ear-ring. Visible body jewellery, apart from ear-rings, is not permitted.

No student should have a visible tattoo. Parents are advised to ensure that their children know the implications of this rule.

Hair should be neat and well-cared for. Where hair is of shoulder length or longer it should be tied back in laboratories, workshops and during P.E. for safety reasons. Hair should have the appearance of being natural. Students are not to wear extreme hairstyles (e.g. lines shaved into hair, number one shave, extreme colours, lengths, Mohican styles).

Rivers Academy reserves the right to point out errors of judgement and taste: in such matters, the Academy's decision is final. A student who openly flouts the code will be sent home to change, shave or otherwise address their appearance.

