

DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy



December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we reach the end of another term, I would like to take the opportunity to revisit our uniform expectations.

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps students to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for or wear a uniform for work.

Our uniform policy is available on our website for further reference, but please see the guidance below:

Skirts – Plain black, stitch down pleat (please ask uniform supplier for the official Darwen Vale skirt). Please note an elasticated waist band, box pleat skirt is **not acceptable**. As of August 2022, it has been compulsory for students in Years 7 and Year 8 to wear, a purchased school skirt that features our school badge which must be always clearly visible.

Examples below:

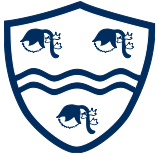


Tie – Official school tie must be always worn. We will be distributing new house ties to students in **Y7** and **Y10** in our House Assemblies that will feature in the second week of the new term.

Blazer – Official school blazer must be worn at all times.

Shoes – black leather or simulated leather, no branding and **no trainers**. Examples below:





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Make up, false eyelashes, false nails, nail varnish or jewellery – must not be worn for school. Items of jewellery which are not in line with the policy will be confiscated. If ears are already pierced, only one small, plain gold or silver-coloured stud (no jewels) may be worn in each ear lobe. No other body piercing is allowed, e.g. nose studs, tongue piercings or other ear piercings. All studs should be removed for PE for health and safety purposes.

We will be enforcing the uniform policy when we return in January with zero tolerance of infringements, which could result in your child being sent home to correct the issue. On the first day back, staff will check the uniform of all students at the gate and in the morning line up. Any students not in the correct uniform will be asked to borrow the correct uniform from our uniform store and will receive a same day after school detention in line with our behaviour policy.

If you are experiencing any financial difficulty in purchasing school uniform, please do not hesitate to ask if we can be of any support by contacting your child's Head of Year on the details below:

Year 7 – Adam Smith adam.smith@darwenvale.com

Year 8 – Johnathan Ainsworth jonathan.ainsworth@darwenvale.com

Year 9 – Claire McKenna claire.mckenna@darwenvale.com

Year 10 – Traci Scott tscott@darwenvale.com

Year 11 – Darren Adcroft dadcroft@darwenvale.com

The official Darwen Vale Uniform Suppliers are below:

- Whittakers School Wear - <https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/blackburn/darwen-vale-high-school/>
- Grays School Wear - <https://www.graysschoolwear.co.uk/collections/darwen-vale>
- Snazzys - <https://snazysschool.wixsite.com/snazzys>

If you have any questions about the guidance, please do not hesitate to contact school or refer to the uniform policy on the website. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school before buying. If there are any extenuating circumstances, which mean you are unable to meet the uniform requirements please email your child's Head of Year on the details above.

We look forward to your support in ensuring all students are treated equally and trust the guidance above makes things clear for everyone.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Little
Principal