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Dear Parent/ Carer

Thank you for your continued support throughout this term. As we approach the beginning of next term, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the uniform expectations at University Academy Holbeach. Please note that whilst retail shops often sell items that are identified as school uniform, not all of these meet our uniform expectations. We ask that you refer to our uniform policy for guidance on what to purchase, in order that the start of the academic year can be positive for your child. If you are unsure about any element of our school's uniform policy, please contact your child's Learning Coordinator Team who will be happy to provide any assistance.

### **Footwear**

Our policy states that footwear must be black leather or leather in appearance; laces and socks must also be black. Trainers and boots will not be permissible, this includes 'leather/ leather look and suede' Air Force, Vans, Converse and any other branded or unbranded trainer or plimsoll style shoe. To support the selection of uniform, examples (not an exhaustive list) of footwear and trousers/skirts that are deemed acceptable and not acceptable by the academy can be viewed on our website. This can be accessed online by the following link and can be referenced when shopping:

<https://www.universityacademyholbeach.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=46>

### **Trousers / Skirts**

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you that we do not accept 'skinny fit', chino, legging or jean type trousers. We expect students to be in smart school trousers that would be acceptable in a professional working environment. Skirts must be of an appropriate length, this being that the skirt falls in line with knee level; also, this must be formal tailored skirts only. Tight fitting, jersey material skirts are not permitted. Examples of appropriate trousers/skirts can be viewed via the aforementioned link.

We are aware that some students, as they become more independent, take responsibility for purchasing their clothing and we hope that the information provided will support you in confirming with them what is acceptable. We are also mindful that some pupils choose to alter their uniform prior to arriving in school.



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Pupils are reminded of the policy on uniform throughout the school year. Where a pupil is not dressed accordingly, they will be spoken to and given the opportunity to rectify the situation. This may be in the form of borrowing an item that the school has purchased. Parents / carers may also be contacted as part of the process, particularly where a student is not deemed to be dressing in line with the policy.

### **Facial Piercings**

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that facial piercings at the Academy are not permitted. Our Uniform Policy states that only one pair of stud earrings are permitted to be worn. This means that nose piercings, additional ear piercings and any other facial piercings are not permitted, including clear 'retainers'. Holes created by piercings do not close during the course of the school day. Any pupil found wearing these will be asked to remove this and collect it from Pupil Reception at the end of the school day. A persistence of issues surrounding this may result in further sanctions in line with the school's behaviour policy. It is also important to be mindful of the minimum age for piercings.

### **Artificial Nails / Extreme Hair Colour**

Please be reminded that artificial nails (such as gel/acrylic) and/or nail varnish are not permitted under the UAH Uniform policy. Whilst we know that during the school holiday pupils may wish to experiment with either, please ensure that these are removed prior to their return to school. Any pupil that returns to school with either will be expected to rectify this with immediate effect. Hair colour should be natural in colour and extreme hair colours (such as bright and contrasting colours), are not permitted. As with artificial nails, any concerns regarding hair colour will be communicated home by Learning Coordinator Teams and parents / carers will be asked to address the issue with immediate effect.

Should you require any further information, please refer to our full uniform policy on the school's website. In addition, you are welcome to contact your child's Learning Coordinator Team for further clarity.

I should like to thank you for your support in this matter and look forward to seeing students returning next term.

Yours sincerely

Mr Sher Alam  
Vice Principal