



**Important information for
all parents: our uniform**
High expectations for high achievers



The core uniform...

Our students are expected to achieve standards of excellence in all areas of academy life including appearance. Our students are high achievers, and as part of this we expect students to be smartly dressed. A well-worn uniform supports excellent behaviour, equality amongst young people and reflects the pride that our students have in being part of the academy community.

Correct uniform must be worn at all times. If a student wears incorrect pieces of uniform or wears an item inappropriately, appropriate sanctions will be put in place, and parents will be contacted.

The full Uniform Policy can be downloaded from our website www.trinityacademyhalifax.org.

Girls:

- Green blazer with embroidered logo. *Please note, from July 2019 stitched pockets on blazers will be compulsory at the academy.*
- White blouse.
- Academy tie.
- V neck grey knitted jumper with green and gold stripes (optional).
- Plain black formal school trousers or a **knee length** pleated black skirt with appropriate plain black tights.
- Plain black flat leather (or leather look) shoes (no pumps, suede footwear, trainers or boots of any description. Shoes must not have logos, buckles or any other feature).
- If a belt is worn this must be plain black leather (or leather look) without any decorative buckle. No other belt types are acceptable.

Boys:

- Green blazer with embroidered logo. *Please note, from July 2019 stitched pockets on blazers will be compulsory at the academy.*
- White shirt.
- Academy tie.
- V neck grey knitted jumper with green and gold stripes (optional).
- Plain black formal school trousers (please note these must not be of a tight fitting style and must be proper school trousers).
- Plain black flat leather (or leather look) shoes (no pumps, suede footwear, trainers or boots of any description). Shoes must not have logos, buckles or any other feature.
- If a belt is worn this must be plain black leather (or leather look) without any decorative buckle. No other belt types are acceptable.

Physical Education uniform

Girls:

- All year groups: Black fleece with academy logo.
- All year groups: Girls sports polo shirt - green with yellow piping and side panels.
- All year groups: Black PE shorts with academy logo OR black tracksuit bottoms with academy logo OR plain black thick sports leggings, not thin fashion leggings.
- All year groups: Trinity Academy green sports socks with yellow stripes OR black/white ankle socks.
- All year groups: Appropriate sports trainers and plastic/metal studded boots.

Boys:

- All year groups: Reversible rugby shirt - green with yellow panels.
- All year groups: Boys sports polo shirt - green with yellow piping and side panels.
- All year groups: Black PE shorts with academy logo OR black tracksuit bottoms with academy logo.
- All year groups: Trinity Academy green sports socks with yellow stripes.
- All year groups: Appropriate sports trainers and plastic/metal studded boots.

Important guidance regarding skirts

Please note that a number of styles of skirt sold in 'uniform' sections by high street retailers are not considered acceptable under our Uniform Policy. Whilst we do not request that skirts are bought from a specific retailer, the following requirements must be met:

- **Skirts must be black and pleated. No tight fitting or lycra styles are allowed.**
- **It must fall to the knee or below. We encourage students to try on a skirt prior to buying to ensure appropriate fitting.**
- **It must not have any features such as buckles or fitted belts.**

Please note students who do not attend in an appropriate length of skirt will be loaned one for the day from academy stocks and parents will be contacted.



Make the right footwear choices...

Parents should be aware that only plain black shoes are permitted in the academy – there must be no white/coloured labels, logos, markings, buckles or studs. Shoes must be leather or leather look. Please note that suede footwear is not allowed. A general guide is to ask if the shoe would be considered appropriate for a professional office environment and would be worn with a suit.

Footwear must be sensible. Pumps, high heels, or boots of any kind are not allowed; the images below provide some examples. If you are unsure, please contact the academy to clarify before making a purchase. This is not an exhaustive list and is designed to provide a guide. Please note that students wearing shoes that do not meet the Uniform Policy will be loaned a pair for the day and parents will be contacted.



Coats and outdoor wear

- Coats and jackets must be removed whilst inside the academy (these can be left in lockers). Coats should be a single subdued colour and in a plain material.
- Hoods or caps must not be worn at any time. The only exception to heads being covered will be on religious, health or medical grounds.
- Hoodies, sports style jackets, denim items, sweatshirts, cardigans and jumpers other than the official academy pullover are not allowed and will be confiscated if worn.
- Students who want an additional layer of warmth under their blazer are able to wear the optional academy jumper.

Jewellery, hair and make-up

- Students should be well-groomed at all times. Hair should be of one natural colour. Extreme hairstyles, including shaved heads (number 2 cut or less) and unnatural colours are not permitted. Hair braiding and hair fashion items are not allowed.
- Subtle make-up is permitted – this should be subdued and natural.
- Students may wear a wristwatch and one plain silver or gold stud can be worn in the lobe of each ear.
- No other piercings are allowed, and must be removed. They must not be left in and covered with plasters.
- Nail varnish or false nails are not allowed, and students will be required to remove these immediately using products supplied by the academy.



“A smart uniform not only helps our young people to achieve more, it also sets the right impression to future employers and the local community. Our students are proud to ‘be Trinity’ and reflect this in their standard of uniform.”

- Mr Nick Robinson, Principal

A complete focus on learning...

Our approach to electronic devices including mobile phones, smart phones, MP3 devices and other similar devices is simple – they are not to be seen, heard or used at any point during the academy day (including lunch and break).

Students will be fully focused on their learning, and enjoying the varied experiences the academy offers. We recognise the use of these devices when a student is travelling to and from the academy, but if a student chooses to bring a device into the academy it is their responsibility and at their own risk. Parents and students should be aware of the following:

- If a student is seen using any device during the academy day it will be confiscated immediately.
- The first time it is confiscated a student will be permitted to collect it at the end of the academy day from Reception.
- In cases of subsequent instances, parents will be informed and be required to pick up the device from Reception at their convenience. Reception is staffed from 7.30am until 6.00pm (5.00pm on a Friday).

Parents are encouraged to discuss this approach with their son/daughter. Our Student Services desk provides a way for students to contact home in an urgent situation, where necessary. Parents can also contact students in an emergency via our Reception who will ensure that our team of College Managers relay important messages to students, giving you confidence that **emergency** messages will reach your son/daughter.

Using a mobile device inside the academy is a behaviour issue, and as well as the device being confiscated a Behaviour Point will be given.

Students who meet our high expectations are well-rewarded – Achievement Points are given for excellent uniform, and also when a student has avoided any Behaviour Points.

Uniform stockists:

Academy branded uniform can be purchased from the following suppliers:

Shaw Hardcastle, The Old Arcade, Halifax, HX1 1TJ

The Uniform Shop, 25 Union Street, Halifax, HX1 1PR

Further information...

Parents can download the full Uniform Policy from the academy's website www.trinityacademyhalifax.org – this is available under the 'the academy' tab and 'key policies.'

We believe that an excellent standard of uniform lays the foundations for an exceptional experience during a student's time with us, and helps them prepare for the high expectations both employers and universities will have of our young people in the future.

As an academy, we work hard to ensure that students know and understand how simple it is to meet our uniform requirements, and the consequences of failing to do so. All our students are part of the same academy community, and the uniform lays the basis for success in all aspects of life here.

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