



Ark Acton Academy

Wednesday 1st August 2018

Dear parent/guardian,

Ark Acton Academy has a very strict approach to uniform and equipment. We believe all pupils must wear the uniform with pride and represent themselves and their school well. This means wearing all items of the academy uniform, keeping the uniform clean and neat and always having the top button done up and shirts tucked in. Pupils wearing their uniform well shows a commitment to the academy's values and ethos and we expect this of all members of our school community. Pupils with all the correct equipment are ready to learn. Equipment is also checked every morning to ensure we are training pupils to be well organised and work-ready.

It is therefore very important that pupils are dressed in full school uniform and have the correct equipment when they start the new academic year on the dates given below:

Friday 14th September – Year 7 and Year 11

Monday 17th September – Year 8, 9 and 10

Students joining the sixth form are expected to dress in smart casual clothes. Further information around dress code will be provided to sixth form students when they enroll on to their courses.

Monday 10th September – Year 12

Monday 17th September – Year 13

Uniform and Writing/Study Equipment

Detailed below are the requirements for all students regarding uniform and equipment

Uniform

Unfortunately due to the late timing of changes to a new school logo, the uniform suppliers are unable to provide for the sale of the uniform from their shop in Hounslow. This means that parents of Year 7 students wishing to buy the new uniform will need to purchase it from school. We sincerely apologise for this change of arrangements and any inconvenience caused to parents. The uniform will be available for purchase from the school main hall at the following times:

Wednesday 5th September: 3pm – 6pm

Thursday 6th September: 3pm – 6pm

Friday 7th September: 3pm – 6pm

Saturday 8th September: 10am – 1pm

Please note that parents of students in years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will only need to purchase the new uniform if they are replacing items that have become too small or are damaged.

The new PE kit with new logo will be sold in the same way with existing students only needing to purchase the new kit if it is needed.

All students will be given a tie with the new school logo when they arrive to school in September. For existing students please wear the old tie when coming to school on the first day in September so that the full uniform is being worn. During the day the new tie will be given to all students.

The prices for the different items of new school uniform are included with this letter.

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Wearing the uniform correctly

Blazers

- The school blazer should be worn at all times.

Black trousers

- These must be uniform style and smart, as can be found in most outlets that stock school uniform. Black denim or black 'skinny fit' stretch styles are not permitted. Trousers should be worn with plain dark coloured socks.

Black skirts

- These must be uniform style and smart, as can be found in most outlets that stock school uniform. Skirts must be no shorter than the top of the knee and must not be made of stretch fabrics. Long skirts should be no longer than the ankle.

Shirts

- Must be tucked in at all times and buttoned up to include the top button being fastened. The shirt must be white and be uniform style. Other long sleeved garments should not be worn underneath the shirt.

Black school cardigan or slip over jumper

- A cardigan or school jumper with the school logo can be worn under the blazer.

Ties

- Ties must be worn to a length down to the navel by all pupils.

Footwear and tights

- All pupils should wear plain black (leather effect) school shoes (laces and sole of the shoes should also be black). Any heeled shoes should be low heeled. Please note that black trainers of any variety are not permitted in school. Please see the attached uniform information for examples of acceptable footwear. Appropriate sports trainers must be worn in PE but can be any colour. Tights/long socks must be plain black. White socks are not permitted.

PE Kit

- This must be the school PE kit with the school logo on the polo shirt and plain black shorts or long trousers. The school PE kit socks should be worn with trainers or plimsolls

Hair and headwear

- Hair must be of a natural hair color and appropriately styled (no tramlines, coloured braids/extensions, Mohicans or eyebrow designs). Long hair must be tied back with a hair band of dark or school colour. Baseball caps are not permitted. Pupils are permitted to cover their heads for religious or cultural reasons. Headscarves must be plain black or red. Turbans and handkerchiefs must be plain black or red.

Fingernail polish or make-up

- Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is not allowed. Any make-up or nail varnish that is worn will be required to be removed immediately.
- Jewellery
With the exception of a wrist watch and one small plain stud earring in each ear, no other jewellery is permitted. SMART watches cable of communication are not permitted. One ear piercing in each lobe is acceptable but further ear piercings and face piercing are not permitted.

Make-up and acrylic nails

- Make-up and acrylic nails are not permitted. Nail varnish should not be worn for school.

Other uniform items

Outdoor clothing

- Outdoor coats should be dark coloured and plain and worn over the blazer. Jackets must not have large logos or branding on them. Denim jackets are not permitted. All jackets must be zipped – no hooded jackets that have to be removed over the head are permitted.

School bag

- This should be plain without logos. The school bag must be big enough to carry A4 exercise books and the PE kit.

Equipment

Pupils should bring the following items with them on their first day at school:

- ◆ A clear pencil case
- ◆ 2 black writing pens
- ◆ 1 red writing pen
- ◆ 1 green writing pen
- ◆ 2 highlighter pens
- ◆ 1 compass
- ◆ 1 sharpened pencil
- ◆ 1 protractor
- ◆ 1 pencil sharpener
- ◆ 1 rubber
- ◆ 1 glue stick
- ◆ 1 15cm/30cm ruler
- ◆ 1 Casio FX-85 ES or Casio FX-85 GT Calculator
- ◆ 1 Oxford School Dictionary
- ◆ Water bottle
- ◆ 1 reading book

Sending your son/daughter to school should be a matter of pride for all parents. Please ensure your child is always in the correct uniform and has the correct study equipment when they set off for school every day. I am grateful for your support in ensuring this happens.

Yours sincerely,

Ms G. Stewart

Acting Principal

Ark Acton Academy

Uniform Prices

Boys blazer (black with red trim and new logo)

26" – 36" £30.80

38" – 50" £36.96

Girls blazer (as above)

26" – 36" £30.50

38" – 48" £36.96

Jumpers/ slipovers (black with red trim and new logo)

28" – 38" £14.20

40" – 48" £19.44

Cardigans (black with red trim and new logo)

28" – 38" £15.70

40" – 48" £21.24

PE polo shirts with logo (black) – £6.30 – £8.90

PE shorts (plain black) – £5 – £6.60

Footwear – examples of acceptable and unacceptable footwear.

Acceptable		Unacceptable	
Girls' Shoes			
			
			
Boys' Shoes			
			
			