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When students attend Whitehill Community Academy they are expected to achieve standards of excellence in all areas of academy life including appearance, therefore, it is important that a smart uniform is worn. It is hoped that it will instil pride, support positive behaviour and discipline, and encourage identity with, and support for, the academy ethos. A key reason for the academy uniform is to ensure students of all races and social and economic backgrounds feel welcome and protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way.

Students at the academy are expected to wear correct uniform at all times. When uniform is worn inappropriately or incorrect pieces of uniform are worn, appropriate sanctions will be put in place.

Academy Uniform

- School jumper or cardigan (can be with embroidered logo).
- White shirt/blouse.
- Academy tie blue and yellow stripes.
- Plain black or grey formal school trousers or a knee-length black or grey skirt.
- Black or grey school pinafore dresses or playsuits with a white shirt/blouse underneath.
- A blue gingham summer dress or playsuit. No tie is required for this.
- Plain black or grey tights, white socks or black socks. Socks with blue gingham frills are allowed.
- Plain black flat shoes (no pumps or boots of any description).
- Religious headwear must be plain black, grey or dark blue.
- Hair accessories can be black, blue or yellow.

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Physical Education Uniform

- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt.
- Plain dark blue or black hoodie, sweatshirt or zip-through jacket.
- A school sweatshirt is also acceptable.
- Plain black or dark blue shorts, leggings or joggers.
- Trainers.

Expectations are that students must wear their PE kit on their class's assigned PE day. This is to ensure that all students are engaged in lessons regardless of the amount of physical contribution they can make; if this is limited, they will be involved in the lesson in other aspects such as coaching, officiating or choreography. Wearing kit will prevent their academy uniform from getting dirty and allow every student to play a full part in PE lessons. Sanctions are in place for students when they fail to wear their kit for PE lessons.

Jewellery: The only items of jewellery allowed are a plain wristwatch and one plain ear stud worn in the lobes of the ear. All other items of jewellery including visible piercings are not allowed. Piercings must be removed on PE days or covered with plasters.

Any student wearing nail varnish will be asked to remove it with products supplied by the academy. False nails are not permitted.

Students are not allowed to wear make-up. Sanctions are in place for students who wear make-up to the academy. Hair must be neat and tidy with no 'extreme' styles, two-tone colours or unnatural colours. Fashion styles, including very short hair with patterns etc. cut into the hair are not permitted. Long hair must be tied back in practical lessons for health and safety reasons.

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