



**Huish Episcopi Academy**

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# Uniform Policy

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## Uniform Rationale

Huish Episcopi Academy aims to give all students the foundation for a successful life by helping them develop the skills and attitudes that will provide real life-chances.

We believe our Academy uniform achieves four important goals:

**1. High expectations and immaculate first impressions**

The uniform promotes a strong sense of community identity and pride.

**2. Development of lifelong habits**

By learning to polish shoes, fold trousers, and hang up blazers, students develop discipline and personal responsibility. Smart appearance is an increasingly important aspect of modern life.

**3. Prevention of unkindness or bullying**

A standard, low-cost uniform reduces pressure to wear fashionable or expensive items and helps students focus on their learning rather than their clothing.

**4. Cost effectiveness for families**

Uniform requirements help keep fashion items out of school and reduce overall long-term costs.

Our Academy aims to prepare students for a successful future; therefore, taking pride in one's appearance is an essential part of the educational process.

For our uniform policy to be successful, it must be implemented universally and without exception. We understand that finances can be tight for some families, and we are committed to keeping costs down. If you have an individual concern or are unsure about an item of clothing, please contact your child's Tutor, Head of Year or Pastoral Support Worker. Contact details can be found on the school website.

At Huish Episcopi Academy, only skirts, ties, and the official Huish Episcopi Academy PE kit purchased through our supplier are permitted. This ensures all students look equally smart and professional. Blazers and jumpers may be purchased from a range of suppliers, provided they meet our expected standards.

Please note that some items are compulsory and others are optional.

School supplier: [www.swischoolwear.co.uk](http://www.swischoolwear.co.uk)

## Guidance and Clarification



Uniform lists can sometimes seem overly detailed; however, our experience shows that precision prevents misunderstandings. We do not want parents to spend money on items that cannot be worn. Please note that not all items labelled "school uniform" by retailers meet our requirements.


We ask for full parental support in ensuring children wear the correct uniform.

Students must be in full uniform when travelling to and from the Academy, as well as while on-site, except when permission has been given for school educational visits.

# Huish Episcopi Academy Uniform

\*denotes an optional item of uniform

	Uniform	Not Acceptable
<b>Blazer</b>	<p>Plain Black Blazer with optional Huish Episcopi Academy Badge</p>  <p>Badges are available online from SWI or via WisePay @ £3.50</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No blazer</li> <li>- Pushed or rolled up sleeves</li> <li>- Any garment other than school jumper and shirt underneath</li> </ul>
<b>Jumper *</b>	<p>Jumper with school logo or black jumper (must be worn under a blazer)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sweatshirt</li> <li>- Non-regulation jumper, including any with branded logo and any non-black in colour</li> <li>- Fleece</li> <li>- Tracksuit</li> <li>- Hooded top</li> <li>- Waistcoat</li> <li>- Cardigan</li> </ul>
<b>Trousers</b>	<p>Plain black, smart tailored full-length trousers in a classic school uniform style</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Colour other than black</li> <li>- Fashion trousers (denim/corduroy/bootlegs/ skinny trousers/Lycra/flares)</li> <li>- Studs, visible buttons or trimmings</li> <li>- Shorts</li> <li>- Stretchy material</li> <li>- Leggings</li> </ul>

<b>Skirt</b>	<p>Huish Episcopi Academy Grey Tartan Skirt</p>  <p>*Black trousers can be worn as an alternative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rolled, tucked up or altered skirts</li> <li>- Any other skirt that is not the branded skirt</li> </ul>
<b>Shirt</b>	<p>Plain white long or short sleeved</p> <p>Tucked in and buttoned at the neck</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Casual/fashion shirt</li> <li>- Shirt worn without a tie or with tie tucked in</li> <li>- Shirts worn outside trousers/skirts</li> <li>- Exposed midriff</li> </ul>
<b>Tie</b>	<p>House Tie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ties worn incorrectly</li> </ul>
<b>Footwear</b>	<p>Traditional black leather (or leather-style) flat or low-heeled school shoes</p> <p>Laces, soles and stitching must be black</p> <p>NB - Students will not be allowed to attend lessons if the correct shoes are not worn in the Academy</p> <p>See images below to clarify acceptable and unacceptable shoes. If you are unsure, then please contact the Academy before purchasing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trainers (even if black). This includes Nike Air Force Ones or Vans</li> <li>- Sandals or sling-backs</li> <li>- Boots</li> <li>- Coloured/Fluorescent laces.</li> <li>- Canvas/fabric shoes or pumps</li> <li>- Trimmings i.e. buckles, labels, tags or decorations --High-heels/stilettos/ platforms/ wedges</li> </ul> <p>[The Academy will reserve the right to decide what represents a trainer, even when the retailer has marketed the shoe as suitable for school.]</p>
<b>Socks and Tights</b>	<p>Plain black socks or plain black tights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coloured, white or patterned socks or tights</li> <li>- Branded socks</li> <li>- Leggings</li> <li>- Knee length socks</li> <li>- Trainer socks</li> </ul>
<b>Hair and Makeup</b>	<p>Conventional style and natural colour</p> <p>Makeup – if worn should be discreet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unnatural colour</li> <li>- Decorative attachments</li> <li>- Hair extensions</li> <li>- Shaved eyebrows</li> <li>- Nail varnish</li> <li>- Nail extensions</li> <li>- False eyelashes</li> </ul>
<b>Jewellery</b>	<p>Maximum of one small pair of stud-like earrings (one in each earlobe)</p> <p>One wristwatch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rings</li> <li>- Diamond/pearl/ coloured gem studs</li> <li>- Any facial or body piercing</li> <li>- Accessories that are to be worn around the neck or attached to clothing</li> <li>- Bracelets</li> </ul>

## Shoes

Black formal leather or leather-style shoes must be worn. Non-sports footwear must not display sports logos. Trainers may only be worn for PE lessons and must not be worn to or from the Academy, except when cycling.

### Examples Of Acceptable School Shoes

**All black leather type school shoes**



### Examples Of Unacceptable School Shoes

**Canvas, trainers, pumps, vans, designers, ankle boots, boots, converse any type, sandals.**



If parents or carers are unsure whether a particular style of shoe is acceptable, they should send a picture of the shoe to the Academy for clarification before purchasing.





Some students may choose to wear headscarves for religious reasons. Headscarves must be black, grey, or navy blue. Pins or clips should be small, dark in colour, and understated. Headscarves must not feature decorations such as sequins or patterns, and the material must not be excessively long at the front or back so as to obscure the uniform or appear untidy. The headscarf must not cover the tie.


The school holds a small supply of uniform items that we can loan to students for the day when an issue is identified in the morning—for example, a lost tie or broken shoes. The school will provide the uniform item in exchange for something from the student to ensure it is returned at the end of the day (e.g. a bus pass, mobile phone, or house key).

Students who refuse to correct their uniform using the loaned item will not be permitted into circulation and will be required to attend the Recovery Room until the issue is resolved.



# Huish Episcopi Academy PE Kit

The following items are compulsory PE kit items:

Compulsory items	Description and Alternative	Not Acceptable
 <p>Huish Episcopi Academy multi sports training top (reversible)</p>	<p>Plain navy rugby top is an acceptable alternative.</p>	<p>-Logos or stripes</p>
 <p>Huish Episcopi Academy polo shirt</p>	<p>Plain navy T-shirt is an acceptable alternative</p>	<p>-Logos or stripes</p>
 <p>Huish Episcopi Academy shorts / skort</p>	<p>Plain navy shorts or skort</p>	<p>-Logos or stripes</p>
 <p>Huish Episcopi Academy sports socks</p>	<p>Plain navy long socks are an acceptable alternative White ankle socks are to be worn in the summer</p>	<p>-Logos or stripes</p>
 <p>Trainers</p>	<p>Must be running trainer style. Shoes do not need to be branded and can be any colour but must be of a similar style to the ones pictured.</p>	<p>-Fashion trainers such as Air Force 1s, Adidas Grand Court, Adidas Superstar, Converse or similar.</p>

<p>Football boots</p> 	<p>Studs must not exceed 15mm. Can be metal or moulded studs.</p>	<p>-Astro turf / blades</p>
<p>Mouth guard / shin pads</p>	<p>Shin pads are compulsory for certain sporting activities, and we highly recommend that students use a mouth guard for hockey and rugby.</p>	
<p>Swimming costume</p>	<p>One piece (girls), trunks (boys). Rash vests may be worn</p>	<p>-Other clothing other than items specifically designed to be worn in water</p>

The following items are optional PE kit items:

Optional items	Description and Alternative	Not Acceptable
<p>Huish Episcopi Academy full-zip/quarter zip training top</p> 	<p>Plain navy jumpers are an acceptable alternative.</p>	<p>-Logos or stripes. -Hoodies</p>
<p>Huish Episcopi Academy sports leggings/track pants</p> 	<p>Plain navy or black. Small logo only. Must be sports/fitness leggings, not fashion leggings.</p>	<p>-Logos or stripes.</p>

All piercings and watches must be removed for PE lessons. The taping of piercings is not permitted. Students will NOT be able to fully take part in lessons until these items are removed. Students will instead take part as a coach, officiator and in individual skills practices. Please consider when ears are pierced so that students can take part fully in lessons.

## **School Bags**

It is essential that students can carry all their necessary equipment with them. A good-sized backpack is recommended, as most students find it convenient for carrying A4-sized books, folders, equipment, and outdoor coats.

Fashion bags are not suitable for carrying textbooks or school equipment. Bags should be practical for school use.

## **Coats and Outdoor Wear**

Sensible outdoor coats are recommended and should be appropriate for the weather and time of year. Hats, gloves, and scarves may be worn outside during the winter months. Baseball caps are not acceptable.

## **Cyclists**

Students who cycle to the Academy must wear full Academy uniform while riding. They must not cycle while listening to a personal music device. All students cycling to the Academy must wear helmets.

## **Expectations**

All students are expected to wear full Academy uniform appropriately from the moment they leave home in the morning until they return home in the afternoon. Students represent the Academy at all times and should be proud to be part of the Academy community. Any student bringing the Academy into disrepute will receive sanctions in line with our Behaviour Policy.

Where a student's uniform does not meet the required standard, they will work in the Recovery Room until the issue is resolved. It is the responsibility of both the parent/carer and the student to ensure such situations are avoided.

During periods of hot weather, adjustments to the uniform policy may be made at the discretion of the Principal.

## **Medical Notes for Uniform**

If a student needs to wear modified footwear for medical reasons, a medical note supplied by a doctor or medical practitioner must be provided.