



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Why is uniform important?

At Sharnbrook, we have a 'feel smart-think smart' approach to school uniform to encourage students to have a positive self-image and have pride in representing the school.

Smart, practical uniform should be worn in a way that reflects our ethos of high standards. Uniform should be worn correctly on the way to and from school. We expect that uniform will be clean, tidy and avoid extremes of fashion and individual modifications.

Uniform is also about equality. We work to make it affordable and easy for all students and families. We believe that a sensible uniform ensures that students and families can attend school free from the pressure to conform to wider societal expectations around expensive brands or fashions.

Our uniform at Sharnbrook is not gender-specific. That means that these rules apply to all students equally.

Our uniform requirements are listed below. **If you require any clarification regarding what is or is not acceptable, please contact your child's Form Tutor. If in doubt, please consult us before purchasing items.**

School Uniform:

- Black school blazer with school badge and coloured house flash
- Plain white shirt, tucked in
- School tie
- Optional plain black V-neck jumper (no logos) worn under blazer (crew neck jumpers, any other type of sweatshirt and cardigans are not permitted)
- Sharnbrook Academy school skirt or plain full length, smart, black trousers (leggings, jeggings, jeans, chinos, cropped trousers or trousers of jersey material are not permitted)
- Plain black/nude tights or plain black or white socks
- Traditional black smart shoes or flat; plain black boots of ankle height are permitted (trainers, canvas shoes including Vans/Converse style are not permitted – see pictures on the website for further clarification of what constitutes acceptable footwear)

P.E. Kit:

The following items are to be worn by all students:

- Sharnbrook Academy polo shirt (one of two varieties) – available from Price & Buckland
- Plain black, loose fitting, football style shorts – available from Price & Buckland or any other retailer (cycling shorts and cropped leggings are not permitted as a substitute for shorts for PE)
- Plain black football style socks - available from Price & Buckland or any other retailer
- Trainers (canvas shoes including Vans/Converse style are not permitted)

The following items are optional for PE:

- Sharnbrook Academy ¼ zip tracksuit top or reversible sports top (advisable for rugby/football particularly in the winter months) – available from Price & Buckland (no other sweatshirt or jumper is permitted)
- Plain black track suit bottoms - available from Price & Buckland or any other retailer
- Plain black, full length leggings (leggings must be fully opaque)
- Plain black base layer – available from any retailer
- Black skort – available from Price & Buckland or any other retailer
- Shin pads - available from any retailer
- Mouth guard – available from any retailer
- Football or rugby boots are recommended for these sports

DANCE KIT

- Plain white t-shirt or Sharnbrook Academy dance T-shirt for GCSE/A Level students
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or black full-length leggings (leggings must be fully opaque)
- No footwear or socks are permitted in the Dance Studio

Long hair must be tied back for both PE and Dance and all jewellery **must** be removed.

Coats

A waterproof, outdoor coat should be worn over a blazer. Please note that suede jackets, denim jackets, leather jackets, hoodies, tracksuit tops and sports jumpers **must not** be worn.

Jewellery

Permitted items (**must be removed for PE**)

- A watch
- One small stud earring in each ear
- One ring permitted on each hand
- A necklace, worn tucked into the collar
- Items must be removed for P.E.

Necklaces, bracelets and all other piercings, including stretchers and plastic retainers, are not permitted on health & safety grounds.

We would advise that all valuable items and/or those of sentimental value be left at home to avoid loss or damage.

Make Up & Hair Styles

Make up, if worn, should be applied naturally and subtly without extreme colour. Nail varnish should be clear/neutral only. **False nails are not permitted** on health and safety grounds in both PE and science.

If hair is coloured, only natural colours should be used. No tramlines or patterns should be shaved into hair/eyebrows. As a general guide, hair styles should be as natural as possible. If parents are unsure if a particular hairstyle will be permitted by the academy, please contact us prior to restyling taking place. Long hair must be tied back for practical lessons.

Religious dress

Religious headwear should be black and no longer than shoulder length, and must not obscure the face. Requests for other religious dress not covered in this policy should be made to the Principal in writing for consideration, with reasons given.

Compliance

Where a student's uniform does not conform with the school's uniform policy, they may be asked to remove the item(s) concerned and they should comply with this reasonable request. Items which do not form part of the school's uniform policy will be confiscated and placed at main reception until the end of the school day. Where the student is non-compliant, the situation will be managed in accordance with the academy's Behaviour Policy. One or more of the following sanctions may be used:

- Parents/carers will be contacted, and if required students may be sent home to adapt their appearance or parents/carers may be requested to bring the appropriate items into the academy to ensure compliance with this policy
- If students forget an item of uniform, they will be supplied with items of loan uniform to wear for the day e.g. blazer or tie and expected to wear it. Non-compliance will result in the application of sanctions in accordance with the Behaviour Policy

- For persistent non-compliance, the Behaviour Policy will be applied.

Although the requirements of students' uniform are set out as clearly as possible in this policy, occasionally anomalies occur. In all cases, the Principal's decision about what constitutes acceptable uniform is final.