



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 and pride in being a member of the academy community. 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.

In accordance with the **Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021** the school only requires four items of school branded uniform, a tie, jumper, skirt and PE top, (marked with a ©) to be purchased. All other items can be sourced from alternative suppliers. All of these items are available from [Price and Buckland](#).

Our full 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 or Black V-neck jumper with school logo ©
- Plain white shirt, tucked in
- School tie in House colours
- Sharnbrook Academy school skirt, either straight or pleated should finished just above the knee (no more than two inches above the knee). Please note that the "short" version of the skirt on the website for girls of very small stature in Year 7 and Year 8 only. ©
- Smart, black trousers which can be straight, bootleg, skinny, flare or cropped, but they **must** be trouser material. They must not be leggings material. For clarity, leggings are not allowed, including as an alternative to tights.
- Plain black/nude tights or plain black or white socks
- Traditional black smart shoes, plain black boots of ankle height or plain black trainers. Trainers need to be **all black**, including soles, trims, logos, laces and any other part of the trainer. If students wear trainers to school, they **must** bring a different pair of appropriate trainers/footwear for PE.

Summer Uniform:

From Easter for the summer term only, tailored black shorts may be worn, trouser material only. They must finish just above the knee. The correct style of short can be viewed [here](#).

P.E. Uniform:

The following items are to be worn by all students:

- Sharnbrook Academy polo shirt (two versions available) ©
- Plain black, loose fitting, football style shorts
- Plain black, full-length leggings (leggings must be fully opaque) cropped leggings are not permitted
- Trainers (canvas shoes including Vans/Converse style are not permitted)

The following items are optional for PE:

- Sharnbrook Academy ¼ zip tracksuit top, or rugby style top, advisable for sport particularly in the winter months (no other sweatshirt or jumper is permitted)

- Plain black track suit bottoms
- Plain black base layer skins
- Black skort
- Shin pads (advisable)
- Mouth guard (advisable)
- Studded footwear advisable for rugby, football cross country and rounders

Representation in school teams

- Studded shoes, shinpads and football socks - Football
- Football socks, shinpads and mouthguards - Hockey
- Studded sock, football socks and mouth guard – Rugby

Dance Uniform

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

Long hair must be tied back for both PE and Dance lessons and **all jewellery must be removed**. For health and safety reasons, all jewellery should also be removed at unstructured times if playing recreational sports in designated areas.

Coats

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

Jewellery

Permitted items (**all items must be removed for PE – taping will not be permitted so please ensure that any new ear or nose piercings only take place at the start of the summer holidays**)

- A watch
- Up to two small **stud** earrings in each ear
- One nose **stud**
- One ring permitted on each hand
- A necklace, worn tucked into the collar

Any other jewellery, facial and body piercings, including stretchers and plastic retainers, are not permitted on health & safety grounds. Students will be expected to remove these items before the start of the school day, any confiscated will be placed in an envelope for collection at 3pm.

We would advise that all valuable items and/or those of sentimental value be left at home to avoid loss or damage for which we will not be held responsible.

Make Up & Hair Styles

Make up, if worn, should be applied naturally and subtly without extreme colour. Nail varnish may be worn but **false nails are not permitted** on both health and safety grounds and to ensure compliance with exam board regulations.

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.

Hats may be worn suitable for the weather conditions presented, and sunglasses may be worn in the summer term. However, this should only be outside of school buildings.

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.

Sixth Form

Sixth form students are expected to comply with the expectations set out in the Sixth Form Dress Code.

Compliance

Where a student's uniform does not conform with the school's uniform policy, they will 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.