



# CITY OF PETERBOROUGH ACADEMY

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5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

*\*This letter is available in different languages on request\**

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

I hope you had a lovely weekend with the sun shining on us over the Bank Holiday. Let's hope for the same this weekend to celebrate the Kings Coronation.

Thank you to those parents that sent questions in. This is very helpful in ensuring we provide you with all of the relevant information prior to your child starting with us. Due to the positive response, we extended the date to submit a question.

If you want to request specific information about a certain topic or have a question about the school, this will give you the forum to do so. We can then ensure our letters include information to respond to key questions and requests in the coming weeks.

To submit a request, please click the following link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/rqNuv1dSSg>

The link to add questions will be open until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

We have had many questions asking about school uniforms which we have included in this week's letter.

The Academy has clear guidance and high expectations regarding dress and all pupils will be expected to wear the full Academy uniform. The wearing of our distinctive uniform gives pupils a sense of 'belonging', helps foster pride in the Academy and stops pupils coming to the Academy in unsuitable clothes.

Below you will see the Academy uniform and the PE uniform and which items are required for each.

## Years 7, 8 and 9:



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The Academy uniform comprises of:

- Plain white school shirt. Purple (KS3) polo shirts are allowed to be worn in the summer term only instead of shirt and tie.
- Academy tie.
- Black trousers or skirt. Leggings, jeans and cords are not allowed. Skirts should be the standard Academy skirt with the school logo on (available from Academy uniform supplier) and must be no shorter than just above the knee in length.
- Academy V-neck jumper with logo (KS3 – Purple; KS4 – Black).
- Some students may wish to wear a salwar kameez, in either purple (KS3) or black (KS4). The kameez must be knee length.
- **PE Kit**
- Black short-sleeved polo shirt with purple panel and Academy logo
- Black long-sleeved reversible sports shirt with purple panel and Academy logo
- Black shorts or track suit bottoms
- Suitable trainers or PE footwear
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Students are expected to wear the Academy uniform when travelling to and from the Academy, at all Academy functions and on visits by parties or sports teams.

Shoes should be black and sensible for school use, flat soled or with a very low heel, no more than half an inch at the front of the heel. High heeled shoes are unsuitable and dangerous on our school site. School shoes must be free of embellishments and decorations (Gold logos, silver logos, edging and other small splashes of colour). No trainer-like shoes, boots, pumps or canvas-style shoes (including 'Vans') will be allowed.

The pictures below show common examples of shoes that are **not acceptable** and those that are. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct footwear by 1st September 2023.



## Additional Uniform Expectations

The Academy is committed to reviewing and updating the uniform policy, if necessary, and alongside the current procedures in place, we want to share some additional expectations.

- Students may wear one earring in any part of their outer ear, not just the lobes, one in each ear.
- Students may wear a stud or hoop earring. The hoop must not be more than 1cm (about 0.39 in) in diameter.
- Students may only wear one banded ring on one hand.
- Students may not wear coats, jackets or hoodies in the Academy building at any time. Outer clothing must be taken off when lining up or when entering the building (Considerations will be made in bad weather).
- Students can wear one gold or silver nose stud, which must be removed for practical activities. Nose rings are not allowed. Clear retainers may be worn instead.
- Skirts when worn must be the new Academy skirt with logo (Available from our Academy uniform supplier).
- Nails must be a sensible length and natural colour. False nails are not permitted.
- Expressive hair styles are not permitted, and this includes unnatural hair colors and cuts of extreme nature.
- Electrical items, such as mobile phones are also not allowed in the Academy and will be confiscated if found.

### The Principal's decision on all items in the uniform section is final and binding

School uniforms play a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the student body. These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and the added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers. School uniform also removes the points of difference between students and unifies the student body and provides a greater focus on academic work. Our uniform policy also supports our anti-bullying commitment as no student can be targeted for not having designer or expensive shoes.

### Frequently asked Questions:

#### Where can uniform be ordered form?

The non-school logo items can be purchased from any retail shop or superstore. Our advice is to ensure it meets the uniform standards above before purchasing as some stores can label them as school uniform and they do not meet expectations.

To order the Academy logo uniform can be ordered by visiting the following website:

<https://www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/city-of-peterborough-academy>

(Link to Chroma sport on page opposite)

Contact details for ChromaSport:

Unit 10, Wulfric Square  
Bretton  
Peterborough  
Cambridgeshire  
England  
PE3 8RF  
01733 262526

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**Is the Academy uniform available to purchase from the school site?**

No, we do not hold uniform on site.

**When can I purchase the uniform?**

Now that you have accepted a place, you are able to purchase school uniform whenever it is suitable for you.

**Am I able to come and see the school uniform?**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July is our Year 6 Transition evening which parents/carers are required to attend. There will be a uniform stand that is provided by ChromaSport for your child to try on and check sizes and fits. Further information regarding Transition evening will be shared nearer the time.

**What happens if my child does not have the correct uniform?**

If students come to the Academy with shoes or uniform items that do not comply with our uniform policy, they will be asked to change into academy shoes or uniform items. Students will not be allowed to walk around the academy in their inappropriate uniform.

If you are unsure about a shoe's compliance or any other item of clothing with the policy, please contact the Academy, where possible including an image or link to the item on the retailer's website, and a member of staff will contact you to advise.

**Do you offer any support with purchasing uniform?**

As a school, we run a secondhand shop for parents and carers to contact and collect items for free, depending on stock and availability. For further information about this please follow the link.

[City of Peterborough Academy - 2nd Hand Uniform](#)

If your child is a recipient of Free School Meals or Pupil premium, you can request support with purchasing uniform. This is not automatically assigned to free school meals or pupil premium recipients. It is done on a request basis. The request can offer each recipient support for up to £50 for Academy branded uniform from ChromaSports.

If you would like to request support for uniform, please complete the link by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

<https://forms.office.com/e/T0bfSdf5Ug>

You will be notified of the successful application by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,



Amberley McKeen  
Senior Assistant Principal



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