



The Birley Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

After careful review and in response to requests from parents and students please find enclosed details regarding the uniform for students attending The Birley Academy from September.

As you will see there are a number of changes which will bring our uniform in line with that of the other secondary schools in the LEAD Multi-Academy Trust. To help with managing these The Birley Academy will be providing every student with a blazer and tie at no charge to parents and carers. Optional items such as the blue v-neck jumper, which may be worn under the blazer but not instead of it, will be available to purchase should you choose. This, along with PE kit, can be purchased from them directly via their website. The new PE kit is only compulsory for Y7 from September but it will be available to other year groups as items are ready for replacement.

To enable us to place the order for the appropriate sizes of blazers, on Monday, representatives from our new uniform suppliers Uniform Direct will be in school fitting students.

We have had several parents asking for clearer guidance around acceptable trousers and skirts. These and other compulsory items of the uniform such as the white shirt – which can be short or long sleeved are also available from their website. You are not obliged to use Uniform Direct for these items but articles of clothing bought from elsewhere must conform to the styles. In the matter of trousers for example, no 'skinny fit', no jeans- defined as trousers made from denim, having studs on, having stitching on the outside or pockets on the outside.

Details of when items will be available to order from the website will come from Uniform Direct.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to make improvements to our Academy.

Yours faithfully

Gina Newton
Headteacher