

North Oxfordshire Academy

Uniform and Equipment Expectations September 2026

The Department for Education (DfE) guidance on school uniforms requires North Oxfordshire Academy to implement changes to school uniform for September 2026.

Please be assured that this uniform change applies only to the new Year 7 cohort joining us in September 2026. As a result, there is no requirement for your child to make any changes to their current uniform, and they may continue wearing the existing items as usual.

However, if you would prefer your child to adopt the new uniform, you are very welcome to do so. This is entirely optional for Year 8 to 11.



Year 7 Uniform

- North Oxfordshire Academy blazer
- North Oxfordshire Academy navy blue and light blue striped tie
- North Oxfordshire Academy navy blue skirt (with North Oxfordshire Academy logo at waistband) or plain navy blue tailored trousers (ankle length).
- Light blue (short or long sleeve) tailored shirt. Button up collar.
- Navy blue tailored knee length tailored shorts
- Navy blue V neck plain jumper (optional)
- Navy/ black belt
- Navy blue or black Headscarf
- Blue-, Black- or natural-coloured tights. We do not allow leggings or patterned tights to be worn.

Year 7 PE Kit



Essential:

- Unisex North Oxfordshire branded sports T-shirt

Footwear: trainers

Optional, but recommended items:

- Navy blue tracksuit bottoms
- Navy blue shorts
- North Oxfordshire Academy navy blue hoody or navy blue hoody
- Sports bra
- Shin pads and gum shield
- Footwear: studded boots for football or rugby

Year 8 –11 Uniform

Girls Year 8-11

- North Oxfordshire Academy blazer
- North Oxfordshire Academy navy blue skirt with North Oxfordshire Academy logo at waistband (which must be visible) or plain navy-blue tailored trousers (ankle length). No flared trousers are allowed.
- Navy blue tailored knee length tailored shorts
- North Oxfordshire Academy grey V neck jumper (optional)
- Light blue open neck `reverse` collar shirt
- Navy/ black belt
- Navy blue or black Headscarf (or head covering)
- Blue-, Black- or natural-coloured tights. We do not allow leggings

Boys Year 8-11

- North Oxfordshire Academy blazer
- North Oxfordshire Academy tie
- Navy blue tailored trousers (ankle length). No flared trousers are allowed.
- Light blue (short or long) sleeve tailored shirt. Button up collar.
- Navy blue tailored knee length tailored shorts

- North Oxfordshire Academy grey V neck jumper (optional)
- Navy/ black belt
- Navy blue or black Headscarf (or head covering)

PE Kit Year 8-11

Essentials:

- North Oxfordshire Academy sports top
- Navy blue shorts or navy-blue leggings / tracksuit bottoms / shorts
- Navy blue long sports socks

Footwear: trainers

Optional, but recommended items:

- Sports bra
- Shin pads and gum shield

Footwear: studded boots for football or rugby

Footwear

Students are required to **wear black, flat, plain shoes**. Students are not allowed to wear trainers or boots.

We ask that shoes are free from logos, stripes/ticks or patterns on shoes.

If you are in any doubt about the academy rules regarding shoes, please contact your child's pastoral leader before purchasing them.

Jewellery

- Students can wear plain gold or silver studs. Hooped earrings are not permitted.
- Students can wear one bracelet and one small ring. Necklaces are not permitted.
- One watch (we ask that smart watches are disconnected from the internet).
- One small nose stud (silver/gold) may be worn.

Please note that jewellery may be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the academic day or if necessary, a parent will be asked to collect from the academy.

Body piercings

Please ensure your child also does not wear the following:

- Stretchers/expanders/bars
- Hooped earrings & ear cuffs
- Tongue piercings
- Septum piercings

If you decide to allow your child to have an additional piercing to that allowed above, please do so at the start of the summer holidays so that it has time to heal and be removed when they return to school. Clear retainers are permitted.

Nails

- Natural nail colours (beige/French/clear/ nude) polish is permitted.
- No false nails/acrylic nails may be worn at any time.

Hair

- To be natural – **no** unnatural colour, extensions, hair sculpture. Decorative shaved patterns are also not permitted.
- North Oxfordshire Academy has adopted [The Halo Code](#)

Make-up

Students are permitted to wear light foundation and mascara only. (Discreet false eyelashes are also permitted.)

Summer Uniform Variations

In warmer weather students will be notified if there are variations to the normal school uniform.

Shorts may be worn; they must be navy tailored shorts (length just above the knee) only with no additional pockets.

Essential Equipment

We ask for the support of parents/ carers in ensuring children to come to the academy fully equipped and ready to learn. We expect our students to take responsibility for their learning, and we also realise that future employers would expect workers to arrive at the workplace with the correct equipment.

1 pencil case
1 pen (black/blue)
1 green pen
1 pencil
1 rubber
1 ruler
1 Casio FX85 calculator
A school bag
Non-permanent whiteboard pen

Out of Uniform Procedure

If your child arrives at the academy out of uniform the academy may follow the process below:

1. Phone call to go home to parents/ carers
2. Student taken to the pastoral team to borrow uniform.
3. Students are given 24 hours to correct identified issue

We request students return borrowed uniform at the end of the school day.

If you have any issues regarding uniform, please call the academy to let us know in advance. Please do not send your child to school in incorrect uniform without contacting us first. We will do everything we can to help.

Purchasing NOA uniform

The North Oxfordshire Academy branded uniform items can be purchased from Cross Embroidery, Banbury. Pre-ordering is advised.

Cross Embroidery

Phone: 01295 270555

Email: sales@crosembroidery.com

Address: Unit 5+6 Lower Cherwell Street, Banbury, Oxon, OX16 5AY.

Preloved Uniform

Preloved uniform can be purchased from the academy. We run a summer shop throughout the 6-week holidays so please do come in and see us. Follow us on Face Book for update

There is also a preloved uniform swap shop at Hanwell Field community centre which is 5 minutes from the academy.