



North Oxfordshire Academy

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning



Uniform & Essential Equipment

Uniform:

Our aims for school uniform at NOA are:

- All students are ambassadors for NOA and are proud to wear our school uniform.
- Parents support the wearing of school uniform.
- The local community recognises NOA students.
- Students develop a sense of pride in their school and a professionalism to prepare them for the world of work.

Benefits of have a school uniform are:

- The differences between students are reduced, which in turn, reduces some of the causes of social isolation and bullying.
- Self-esteem of particular groups of students may be improved.
- Security is improved - it's easy to spot who does and does not belong to the school community.
- Students feel a stronger sense of belonging and commitment to their school.
- It improves the image of the school in the local community.
- It creates a sense of purpose within the school environment.



Uniform:

- Navy blue academy blazer with the North Oxfordshire Academy badge
- Blazer sleeves must be worn rolled down
- A light blue long or short sleeved shirt. If wearing a tie the shirt must be fully buttoned. If not wearing a tie a revere collared shirt must be worn.
- Plain navy tailored trousers (ankle length)
- Plain knee length navy skirt with North Oxfordshire Academy logo at waistband (which must always be visible) or plain navy tailored trousers (ankle length)
- The academy grey jumper (optional in cold weather)
- Belts must be plain black or navy with no big buckles or logos
- If a tie is worn - each house has a different coloured stripe which enables staff to recognise which house each student belongs to
- If a tie is not worn - House identity strip above academy badge which must be ironed or sewn on at home
- Headscarf – plain black or navy
- Blue, Black or natural coloured tights. No leggings or patterned tights allowed.

Footwear

- Must be black flat and plain shoes. (no boots) No trainers are permitted.
- There should be no 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.

Other Items

Jewellery

- One plain gold or silver stud per ear in any location of the ear.
- One watch (watches connected to mobile phone technology must only be used for time telling).
- One discreet nose stud may be worn.
- **No** other jewellery may be worn.

Please note that jewellery will 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/tattoos

There must be no visible body piercings and/or tattoos. Tongue piercings are absolutely forbidden in school. Please ensure your child does not wear the following;

- Stretchers/expanders/bars
- Hooped earrings & ear cuffs

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.

Nails

- No nail varnish (even natural colours) is to be worn in the academy at all.
- No false nails/acrylic nails may be worn at anytime.

Hair

To be natural – **no** unnatural colour, extensions, hair sculpture, decorative shaved patterns are not permitted.

Make-up

Year 7,8 & 9 – **No make-up allowed at all.**

Year 10 & 11 only light foundation and mascara may be worn.

False eyelashes are not permitted.

Summer Uniform Variations

The academy may permit students to stop wearing their blazers or make other uniform adjustments on a particular day. This will be communicated in advance via ARBOR to parents and carers. Shorts may be worn; they must be navy tailored shorts (length just above the knee) only with no additional pockets.

PE Kit

The PE kit is an essential part of each student's equipment.

PE kit must be brought to all PE lessons even if students are excused from PE as they will be expected to participate in student observations, coaching etc.

KIT LIST

Essentials:

- NOA polo shirt (sky blue) and/or NOA fitted polo shirt (navy with sky blue)
- NOA long sleeved rugby top – navy with sky blue (optional)
- NOA hooded sweatshirt (navy)
- NOA shorts (navy) and/or NOA skort (navy with sky blue)
- Sports leggings can be worn under Skort/Shorts (no tights are allowed and must be removed)
- NOA socks (navy/sky blue hoops)
- Tracksuit bottoms (navy/black – Plain)
- Footwear: trainers

Optional, but recommended items:

- Tracksuit bottoms (plain navy or black)
- Leggings (plain navy/black – only allowed to be worn under shorts/skorts) No tights are allowed.
- Base layers (plain navy/black)
- NOA long sleeve polo shirt (navy with sky blue - recommended for contact rugby lessons and fixtures)
- Shin pads and gum shields are available to buy from the PE department/Student Services
- Footwear: studded boots for football or rugby



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 have high expectations of our students, and if students fail to bring the correct equipment to school vital learning time is lost. 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.

Your child should leave home each morning with the following equipment:

An appropriate school Bag – (preferably a back- pack)

Vital to keep all equipment and knowledge organiser in.

PE Kit - Please check with your child when PE is timetabled, so they pack their kit.

Refillable water bottle – Please send your child in to school with a refillable water bottle.

The following equipment is required by every pupil every day. Equipment checks will take place at tutor time each day.

Essential Equipment *

1 Pencil Case
1 pen (black/blue)
1 Green pen
1 pencil
1 rubber
1 ruler
Knowledge Organiser – Given by school
1 Casio FX85 calculator
A school bag
Non-permanent whiteboard pen

*You can purchase all of the equipment from student services if needed.

Out of Uniform Procedure

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

1. Phone call to go home to parents/ carers

2. Student taken to student services to borrow uniform
3. Students are given 24 hours to correct shoes (if none available to borrow) /nails/hair infringements.

Students must return any borrowed uniform at the end of the 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 uniform items your child will need must be purchased from Cross Embroidery, Banbury. Pre-ordering is advised.

Cross Embroidery

Phone: 01295 270555

Email: sales@crossembroidery.com

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