

CSB/LF

16th July, 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks at Central Academy as your new Principal. There are many fantastic things that I discover every day about your children and our school. There are also some things which we need to work on together to improve the Academy and ensure that your child gets the best possible education.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my expectations regarding uniform in preparation for the new academic year. I have spoken to all the students in assemblies and explained the importance of how we present ourselves and how this can affect not only others' perceptions of us but also our attitude to learning in the school. Therefore, from September, our uniform must be worn correctly by all students.

For the purpose of clarity, I am including below a list of each item of uniform that will be permitted in school from September. Please ensure that you buy only these items as uniform.

Uniform

- Girls harrow grey Trutex back vent skirt – 20" or 22" in length or girls harrow grey Trutex twin pocket trouser
- Black/grey tights or white knee length socks
- Boys harrow grey senior slim leg or sturdy fit trousers or boys harrow grey junior slim/classic/sturdy fit trousers
- Grey jumper or cardigan with Central Academy logo
- White shirt or blouse – tucked in and top button must be fastened
- Clip on grey/red tie
- Black formal, polishable shoes (no trainer style or shoes with logos)
- Full grey and red PE kit including T shirt, shorts (or skorts for girls) and sports socks must be worn for every lesson. Indoor trainers for the sports hall and football boots for outdoors but no bladed boots. Girls in Years 10 and 11 can wear black sports leggings, these must be of good quality and have no other coloured markings. Central Academy hoodies and reversible tops are optional but advised for cold weather, as are base layers which must be red or grey. No tracksuit bottoms are allowed.

All the above items can be purchased at The Uniform Shop, Unit 3 Atlas Works, Nelson Street, Denton Holme, Carlisle, CA2 5NB. Staff at the shop have been notified as to which items are acceptable for Central Academy uniform.

General Appearance

- No false or acrylic nails, false eyelashes, makeup or jewellery – a wrist watch may be worn
- One plain metal stud in each ear lobe may be worn, no other piercings will be accepted
- Please note also that tattoos including henna tattoos, bandanas, headbands and combs are not allowed
- Please note that no extreme hairstyles will be permitted. This includes tram lines, shaved heads, shaved eyebrows or any hair dye which is not a natural hair colour. In terms of hair length nothing below a Grade 2 will be accepted.

Please note that this is not a change in uniform policy or the uniform itself but we will be persistent in enforcing our uniform policy from September. If students arrive at school wearing incorrect uniform they will be given the opportunity to borrow certain items from school which will be returned to us at the end of the day and will be expected to be in correct uniform the following day. Failure to do so will result in an internal exclusion for that day, with the expectation that they will be in correct uniform and will therefore be attending their lessons the following day.

If, as a parent, you have any uniform that your son or daughter no longer uses and is in reasonable condition we would be very grateful if you would consider donating it to the school so that we can recycle it appropriately.

I thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'C Bacon', written in a cursive style.

Miss C Bacon
Principal