Uniform & Equipment Policy

Budmouth Academy Weymouth

Version control	
AAT Budmouth Academy 2026-07-01	Jointly agreed by SLT ● Clarification that jumpers are compulsory for Autumn & Spring terms ● Trousers must sit on the waist ● Skirts must be worn at full length ● Ties must be worn on the collar (top button) ● Included drop/dangly earrings as unacceptable for jewellery ● Adding *'The academy will reserve the right to decide what represents an extra large or large piece of jewellery.'* ● School shoes are not permitted for PE lessons ● Accumulating uniform infringement points within a school week will result in an automatic after-school detention(s). Escalating in time depending on the number of infringements.

Date of next review:	July 2027	Owner:	Vice Principal
Type of document:	Academy Strategy	Approval Level:	Trust

Contents

1. Introduction……..3
2. Uniform Expectations…….5
3. Sport Kit Expectations……7
4. Equipment Expectations……8

Appendix 1: School Shoes……..……...……...……..9

Appendix 2: School Skirts……..……...……...……9

Appendix 3: School Jumpers……..……...……..10

1. Introduction

At Budmouth Academy we always set the highest expectations for our students in order to raise their aspirations and enable them to achieve. By producing a list of equipment that students require, we are helping prepare them for the world of work and maximising every opportunity to be successful.

A smart appearance is an increasingly important aspect of modern life as it does help a person to display an air of self-confidence and command a sense of respect. The academy aims to prepare students for a successful life and so an emphasis on taking pride in one's own appearance is an essential part of the educational process. The academy has a uniform policy which helps to enhance the purposeful and successful climate within the academy. Our uniform policy promotes professionalism and ensures safety which also ensures that students are fully focused on learning as opposed to other distractions.

The academy uniform provides students and their families with many positive advantages, because uniform:

- Diminishes the social exclusion of students based on what they are wearing
- Places stronger focus on academic performance
- Reduces family tension as students do not have to compete with their peers for the latest trends in clothes
- Creates an atmosphere of teamwork
- Encourages pride in personal appearance and of the academy
- Promotes safety, particularly through making it easier to identify strangers
- Increases self-esteem and reduces peer pressure
- Is cost effective to parents in the long run
- Makes students ambassadors for the academy in the local community

Parent/Carers of a child in receipt of FSM (Free School Meals) may be able to apply for a Uniform Voucher (branded items only). For more information please contact Deborah Brown, Student Administrator, dbrown@budmouth-aspirations.org. Additionally, to help families reduce the cost of school uniform, parents and carers may wish to make use of the Budmouth Academy Used Uniform facebook group, where pre-owned school uniform can be offered, requested or purchased. We encourage families to consider using this group as a way of accessing good quality second hand uniform and helping to keep uniform costs as affordable and sustainable as possible.

Kindly be advised that a formal medical note/certificate is required should your child be unable to wear the school uniform due to health-related reasons.

Full uniform and equipment checks will be carried out by tutors each morning during tutor time and throughout the day.

- Any students not appropriately dressed will be sent to the academy stock cupboard to assist with rectifying any uniform infringements.
- Any students with missing equipment will be sent to the stock cupboard to assist in rectifying any missing equipment.

- All necessary corrections to uniform and equipment will be made and a message sent home to inform parents.
- Students will leave a deposit (mobile phone) in exchange for missing item(s) which will be kept in a safe and locked area throughout the day.
- Students will return the borrowed item to the academy stock cupboard at the end of the day, 3pm, if the student attends an after academy activity they must exchange the item before attending such activity.

The stock cupboard opens at 08:15 to allow students to rectify any infringements before the school day starts. If a student rectifies their infringement before the start of tutor (08:30) no sanction will be applied. However, if a student has to be sent to the stock cupboard following a uniform/equipment check during tutor time, they will receive negative behaviour points.

If students fail / refuse to change into the correct uniform / borrow suitable equipment as per the process outlined above, they will remain in ABE. Parents/carers will be contacted and asked to rectify the situation by either speaking to their child directly, telling them to borrow item(s) or by bringing in the uniform item(s) that need rectifying.

Staff will monitor student uniform throughout each school day. If a student is found to be in breach of the uniform policy (rolled skirts, shirts untucked, blazer not worn etc.), they will be asked to rectify the issue immediately and a uniform infringement point will be recorded.

Infringement points (per week)	**Sanction**
2	30 minute after school detention
4	60 minute after school detention
6	90 minute after school detention
Persistent infringements	For example; inappropriate skirt length - *The academy reserves the right to ask students to wear trousers/shorts in the event that their skirts do not follow our policy.*

2. Uniform Expectations

Uniform	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Blazer	● Budmouth Academy Blazer	● No blazer ● Rolled up sleeves ● Non Academy badges, studs, trimmings etc ● Any alteration to the academy blazer (style, fit, appearance) ● Any garment other than the academy jumper and shirt underneath
Jumper *(compulsory in Autumn & Spring Terms)*	● Budmouth Academy branded V-neck jumper ● Black V-neck jumper	● Sweatshirt ● Fleece ● Tracksuit ● Hooded top ● Waistcoat ● Cardigan ● V-neck jumpers with logos / non-academy branding
Trousers	● Plain black ● Tailored ● Full length (no skin shown at the ankle) ● Must sit on the waist ● Any belt should be black	● Fashion trousers (denim/corduroy/other materials/hipsters/flares/wide bottoms/bootlegs/skinny trousers/lycra) ● Tight fitting ● Studs, visible buttons or trimmings ● Stretchy material ● Leggings ● Trousers sitting below the waist *The academy reserves the right to ask students to wear trousers/shorts in the event that their skirts do not follow our policy.*
Skirts	● Plain black, pleated, tailored skirt ● Worn at its full length and on the knee	● Skirts made from stretchy material ● Skirts that are lycra / bodycon ● Rolled up skirts ● Any skirt that is not pleated eg. pencil skirt ● Skater skirts *The academy reserves the right to ask students to wear trousers/shorts in the event that their skirts do not follow our policy.*
Shorts	● Smart black, tailored, classic style ● Must be knee length ● To be worn at the waist only, no hipster styles	● Fashion shorts (denim/corduroy/other materials/hipsters/skinny shorts/lycra) ● Tight fitting ● Studs, visible buttons or trimmings ● Stretchy material ● External cargo-style pockets *The academy reserves the right to ask students to wear trousers/skirts in the event that their shorts do not follow our policy.*
Shirts	● Plain white collared shirt ● Short or long sleeved ● Tucked in with the top button fastened	● Casual/fashion/polo shirt ● Shirt worn without a tie or with the tie tucked in ● Sports/hooded tops or coloured t-shirts under shirts ● Shirts worn outside trousers/skirts/shorts ● Exposed midriff
Tie	● Budmouth Academy clip on tie ● Ties must be worn on the collar (top button)	● Ties that are not clip on or where the clip has broken off - these must be replaced immediately. ● Ties that have been coloured in ● Ties that have had part or all stitching removed

Shoes	● Traditional black flat or low-heeled formal shoe ● Leather or vegan alternative school shoes (must be possible to polish) ● Laces, soles and stitching must be black *Acceptable shoes shown in Appendix 1.*	● Kickers plimsolls (or similar) ● Trainers (even if black and/or polishable) ● Skate shoes ● Boots ● Fashion/coloured shoes ● Flip flops ● coloured/fluorescent laces ● Canvas/fabric shoes or pumps ● Trimmings i.e buckles, labels, tags or decorations ● High heels/stilettos/platforms/wedges ● Sandals/slingbacks/backless shoes *The academy will reserve the right to decide what represents a trainer, even when the retailer has marketed the shoe as suitable for school.*
Socks/tights	● Plain black socks (covering the ankle bone) ● Plain black tights	● White socks ● Coloured or patterned socks or tights ● Socks with logos (nike tick for example) ● Fluffy / bed sock style (even if black) ● Bare feet ● Socks worn over tights
Makeup	● Light foundation, light mascara, clear lip gloss only	● Make up other than that listed ● Nail varnish (unless clear) ● Nail extensions ● False eyelashes
Jewellery	● Maximum of two small plain gold or silver stud earrings (one in each ear) ● Medical earring (this counts as the single earring) ● One wrist watch	● Extra or large jewellery of any kind ● Any facial or body piercings eg. nose piercings, septum piercings and any retainer (even if discrete) ● Visible tattoos of any kind ● Drop (dangly) / hooped earrings ● Bracelets ● Rings ● No accessories are to be worn around the neck (including a necklace) or attached to clothing *The academy will reserve the right to decide what represents an extra large or large piece of jewellery.*
Hair styles	● Smart style ● Natural hair colours only ● Hair must be tied up on request for all practical lessons	● Unnatural colours, even on the underside of the hair ● Headwear, unless worn on the basis of ethnicity, religion, belief or disability. ● Decorative attachments worn in the hair ● Tramlines or other shaved shapes ● Hair must not be cut shorter than a grade 2 ● ‘Barcodes’ in eyebrows *(The academy reserves the right to decide if a hairstyle is inappropriate but invites students and parents/carers to ask in advance if they need guidance)*

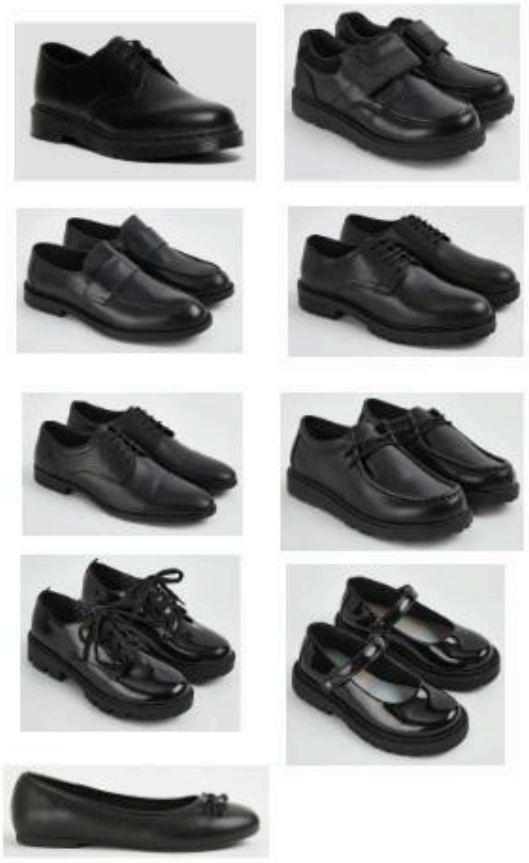
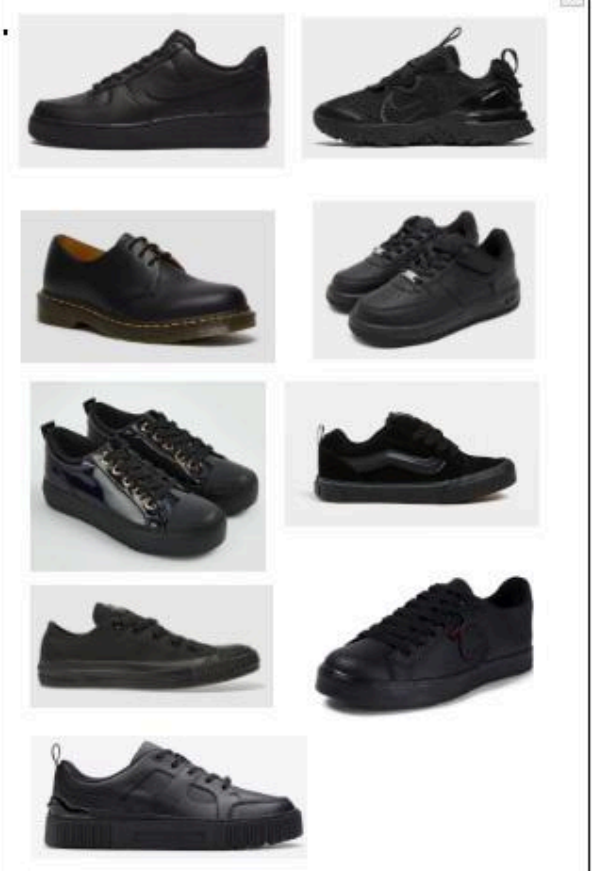
4. Sport Kit Expectations

Uniform	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
T-Shirts	• Budmouth royal blue Tech t-shirt purchased from DEP only (https://www.dorsetprintwear.com/) • Plain royal blue t-shirt	• Clothing with large branding/logos
Shorts, tracksuit bottoms & Leggings	• Black shorts, black leggings or black tracksuit bottoms	• Clothing with large branding/logos • Garments with zips • Leggings of a cotton material • Tight cycle (lycra / Nike Pro) style shorts
Sweatshirt	• Plain royal blue jumper purchased from DEP (https://www.dorsetprintwear.com/) • Plain royal blue crew neck sweatshirt	• Hoodies • Any garment with a zip • Clothing with large branding/logos • Any alternative outer layers (coats, jackets etc)
Socks	• White socks • Long football/rugby socks • 'Grippy' socks (for gymnastics)	• Anything other than the items listed
Shoes	• Trainers • Football boots	• Open toe shoes including, flip flops, sliders & crocs • School shoes are not permitted for PE lessons
Specialised Personal Protective Equipment	Highly recommended • Gum shield (football, hockey, rugby) • Shin pads (football, hockey) • Football boots (field / 3G sports) Advised • Plain base layer (winter months)	• Any alternative outer layers (coats, jackets etc)

5. Equipment Expectations

	Item	Additional Information
Compulsory equipment items	30cm long, clear pencil case	
	30cm Ruler	
	Protractor	
	2 x black or blue pens	
	1 x green pen	1 to be provided by the Academy in September
	2 x pencil	
	1 x highlighter	
	1 x whiteboard pen	1 to be provided by the Academy in September
	Rubber	
	Calculator (casio fx-83gt cw)	
Highly recommended items	Compass	
	Coloured pencils	
	Glue	
	Pencil sharpener	

Appendix 1: School Shoes

Acceptable	Not acceptable
	

Appendix 2: School Skirts

Acceptable	Not acceptable
	

Appendix 3: School Jumpers

Acceptable	Not acceptable
  	  