

Jewellery Quarter Academy – Uniform and Equipment Policy

‘Smartly-Dressed Students’

We all wear our JQA uniform with pride and see it as symbolic of what we represent – equality, working together, showing respect and striving for excellence. We live our values by how we expect our students to wear our uniform because we are preparing students for their future opportunities: an excellent first impression in an interview for sixth form/college, university or their chosen career.

This policy provides clarity for all parents/carers, students (when purchasing uniform and equipment) and for staff at JQA.

Expected Items available from [Clive Mark School Wear](#) online or at Sheldon/Small Heath or at [Crested Schoolwear](#):

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy-blue Blazer with gold JQA badge 	This should always be worn in the Academy (unless staff in lesson have given permission to remove).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JQA gold and navy-blue tie 	Knotted at the collar and near the waistband in length.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE Kit 	Branded polo or mid-layer; Akoa navy shorts/track pants; Akoa PE socks. <u>Coats will not be permitted during lessons.</u>

Expected Items available from any retailer:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain pale-blue shirt, either long or short sleeved. 	This should be fully buttoned, with a stiff collar and always tucked in.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-grey school trousers or skirt 	Trousers and skirts should be tailored, and professional in length.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain black shoes (laced, Velcro or slip on) 	These should be flat and look professional. N.B Sportswear brands are NOT accepted. Our rule is: ‘If you are not sure if it’s a shoe, it’s not a shoe.’
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain socks / Opaque tights 	These should be black, grey or white in colour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School bag 	It is important students have a practical, professional school bag: this will be needed for bringing equipment to the academy and also to transport home any books, folders, homework or letters. Small, impractical bags such as pouches are not permitted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-grey jumper 	In colder weather, students should wear a V-neck grey school jumper. Hoodies/branded jumpers are not permitted.

10 Key Points of Note

- Caps or hats of any description are not to be worn on site, including ‘bonnets’
- Coats should be carefully considered and practical. Coats may be worn around the academy but the wearing of hoods is not permitted indoors. All outdoor wear will be removed before entering a classroom.
- Students may wear a maximum of one pair of small, plain metal (silver/gold) stud earrings in the lobe of the ears and a wristwatch. These should be removed for PE, dance and enrichment activities;
- No other jewellery or visible body piercing, including tongue studs, are permitted.
- Make-up, mehndi, fake tan, nail varnish or acrylic nails may not be worn.
- Hairbands, hair ties must be plain black. Headscarves worn for religious reasons should be plain black, blue, grey, or white in colour. Decorative or oversized hairbands, hair ties, beads, bows, du-rags, bandanas or ribbons are not permitted.
- Hair must be worn in a simple, subtle style. Lines/patterns shaved into the hair are not considered appropriate, nor are extreme changes of hair colour which are not ‘natural’ as they are not professional-looking.
- Mobile phones, headphones and devices are not to be seen or heard on-site (see separate policy) and are subject to confiscation and students sanctioned where this rule is flouted
- Any additional items of jewellery or clothing worn for religious reasons should be discussed with the pastoral leaders at the Academy, but reasonable requests will not be refused.
- All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the owner’s name so that lost property can easily be returned.

We all dress the same to show that we are part of the same school, the same community and that we work together and collaborate. Our dress code is meant to reduce issues of discrimination and to build unity: everyone dresses the same regardless of background. Being part of JQA and living our CORE values are what unite us.

‘Students Who Are Ready For Learning’

JQA is a place of learning. Learning is central to all we do and we expect our students to arrive with the necessary equipment to make the most of all learning opportunities. When students don't have equipment, it slows learning and wastes time: it is unprofessional to arrive unprepared and this is something we want to instil in our students.

Students will need the following equipment to ensure they are 'Ready' to learn.

Expected List (checked each morning by your child's tutor)

- Practical and professional school bag (see above)
- Clear Pencil Case
- Black or blue pens (N.B more than one pen is expected)
- Green Pen for self-assessment
- Pencil and rubber
- Ruler (to underline titles and present work excellently)
- Sharpener
- JQA Planner – provided by the school

Preferred List

- Scientific Calculator
- Maths equipment set (protractor etc)
- Reading book



Details matter at JQA

We do not engage in discussion about what is and what is not acceptable. If we have a doubt about any aspect of uniform, there is no doubt for us that it contravenes policy. Our expectations are clear and rooted in the best intentions for our students: to present themselves professionally and build habits for good organisation and preparedness.

We expect everyone to respect the spirit of the rules, not to try subterfuge and find a loophole.

We expect parents and carers to support the academy by knowing and meeting these expectations in relation to ensuring their child is ready and prepared for success at JQA.