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At Leigh Academy Strood, we believe a well-presented student community contributes to a positive learning environment. Our uniform policy promotes a sense of belonging, equality, and a focus on academic achievement.

This policy outlines our expectations for student attire and the rationale behind them. We understand the importance of affordability and have partnered with suppliers to offer high-quality uniforms at competitive prices.

Benefits of a Uniform Policy:

- **Equality and Inclusion:** A uniform eliminates competition based on clothing choices, allowing students to focus on their education.
- **Sense of Belonging:** A shared uniform fosters a sense of community and belonging within the student body.
- **Preparation for the Future:** Professional attire promotes a sense of discipline and prepares students for future professional environments.

Value for Money:

We recognise that uniform costs should not be a barrier to attending Leigh Academy Strood. We work with suppliers to ensure:

- Durable and well-made garments.
- Brigade Clothing - <https://www.brigade.uk.com/>
- **Pre-owned Uniform:** We operate a system for collecting and storing donated, good-condition uniforms. Families in need can access these items free of charge.
- **Financial Assistance:** In cases where uniform costs pose a barrier to attendance, the Academy may offer financial assistance on a case-by-case basis.
- **Accessible Options:** The basic uniform features minimal branding and utilises common colour schemes. This allows families to find suitable, affordable alternatives at high street stores while adhering to the core uniform expectations.
- **Year-Round Uniform:** We simplify things further by having a single uniform suitable for the entire academic year. This eliminates the need for separate summer and winter uniforms, reducing overall costs.

Uniform Expectations

Compulsory Uniform			
	Blazer Academy blazer with badge which must be worn at all times.		Blazer Academy blazer with badge which must be worn at all times.
	Shirt Plain white shirt (long or short sleeved). Shirts must be tucked in at all times and worn with a college tie		Blouse Plain pale blue blouse (long or short sleeved)
For clarity: Pupils with a white shirt must wear a college tie (Blue shirts are not part of Leigh Academy Strood uniform) If pupils wear a blue blouse this must have a (revere) blouse collar			
	College Tie Must be at the appropriate length: The tip of the “diamond” must sit at the mid part of the waistband / belt.		Skirt Black stitched down pleated skirt and must sit within 5cm of the knee. Skirts must not be rolled up or under
	Trousers Black school trousers (back pockets and studs are not permitted).		Trousers Black tailored trousers

	Socks Plain black ankle socks		Socks or Tights Plain black ankle socks OR black tights
	Black School Shoes Black shoes (no boots or trainers). There should be no coloured laces or stitching. The sole of the shoe must be black.		Black School Shoes Black shoes (no boots or trainers). There should be no coloured laces or stitching. The sole of the shoe must be black.

Optional Uniform	
	Branded sweatshirt (optional) Black V-neck jumper with Academy logo
	Belt (optional) Black belt (all black, no patterns) with a plain silver or gold buckle (no logo).

Compulsory Equipment

	Rucksack, backpack or portfolio bag The use of a rucksack, backpack or portfolio bag will ensure there is adequate protection for pupils' chromebooks and belongings. This will also provide more enhanced protection during adverse weather conditions whilst pupils travel to and from school. All bags must be large enough for an A4 folder/book. (Handbags, plastic bags, drawstring sports bags, are not permitted).
	Students must bring their chromebook to school each day fully charged. Minimum charge of 90% must be displayed on line up at 8:35am.
	Chromebook Sleeve The chromebook case/sleeve will offer support and protection to safeguard chromebooks, minimising the risk of damage from everyday wear and tear or accidental drops.

	Students must have an equipped clear pencil case (in preparation for exams), containing the minimum of: • 2 Black Pens (Biro or Gel) • 2 Red Pens (Biro or Gel) • 2 Pencils • Ruler • Rubber • Scientific Calculator
	Cycle Helmet To ride a bike to and from school, you must wear a properly fitted cycle helmet. If you forget your helmet, you won't be able to ride your bike home from school that day. We can securely store your bike at school until a parent or guardian can pick it up, or until you bring your helmet with you. This includes scooters or roller skates/skateboards etc. Electric scooters are not permitted and will be collected by the Police.

STRICTLY NOT PERMITTED	
- No coats are allowed to be worn in the school building. - All hoods must be down whilst on academy site or when travelling to and from the academy. - Hoodies are banned from the site and will also be confiscated from students if worn.	
- Students should only wear one pair of small gold or silver studded earrings in the lower lobe. - No facial piercings such as nose studs (including clear nose studs and retainers). - No clear piercings of any kind are permitted	An example of acceptable earrings. 
- No bracelets, rings or necklaces allowed. - Skirts must not be rolled up, and should be a suitable length around the knee. - No trainers, boots, high heeled shoes, this includes black trainers or any shoe that the school judges to be a trainer. - No sweatshirts or non-school jumpers are to be worn at any time. - No knee length/ thigh length socks to be worn at any time. - No leggings, skinny jeans, denim trousers, chinos or non- school trousers. - No baseball caps/hats in the academy building. - No painted nails, false/acrylic nails. - No false eyelashes or extensions. - Non black socks. - No extreme haircuts e.g skin fades, graphics, lines and must be a minimum of a grade 1 cut (Senior leadership teams discretion). - Hair must be of a natural colour. (Senior leadership team's discretion). - No shaving or slits in the eyebrows, they must be natural. - No hair accessories allowed. - No fake tan. - Students are expected to be clean shaven. - Students must not wear makeup.	
Failure to follow the uniform policy :	
- Uniform infringements will result in a 30 minute detention. - If uniforms cannot be rectified, this will result in pupils being placed within the Internal Engagement Room for the duration of the academy day and dismissed at 4:20pm. Students will continue to receive their class work on their chromebooks.	

Note: Exemptions to a uniform policy are only necessary where an item is required to be worn as a compulsory requirement of the pupil's religion and this will be at the Principal's discretion.

PE, Dance and Drama Uniform Expectations	
Top	Strood PE top 
Layers	Plain black under garment
Jumper	Strood Sweat Jumper with logo (optional)
Bottoms (must be navy and must not have large emblems/logos on them)	 Non branded shorts, leggings, tracksuit bottoms
Socks	White socks Bring spare to change
Shoes	Trainers (Astro) Football boots
Dance footwear	Due to the specialised flooring, trainers and shoes are not permitted. Jazz shoes, ballet shoes and gripper socks are permitted. 
Hair	Tied up
Earrings	No earrings
Sanction procedure for no PE Kit.	
● 1st offence – Verbal warning ● 2nd offence – 30-minute detention ● 3rd offence – 60-minute detention ● 4th offence – 60-minute detention with Subject Leader and parent/guardian meeting. ● 5th offence – SLT intervention	

Refusal to put on spare PE kit

- If a student does not bring their own kit they are required to wear a spare PE kit.
- If a student refuses they will immediately be removed and placed in our Internal Engagement Room.
- All kit is washed regularly and is maintained throughout the year.
- Pupils unable to take part in a practical lesson will still be expected to change into full PE kit.