

29th August 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope you have had a lovely summer break. We are really looking forward to seeing you back with us or starting with us next week if you are in Year 7. I cannot wait for you to see our new 3G pitch and other improvements we have made to the site for you.

As we near the end of our holiday, I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you to remind you of the return times and dates for each year group and some key Academy expectations.

First Impressions – Attendance & Punctuality

We welcome Year 7 and Year 11 back to school on Wednesday 6th September at 8:25am. Years 8, 9 and 10 will start back on Thursday 7th September at 8:25am. A reminder that students must be on site by 8:25am for line ups.

We expect that all students attend school on time every single school day. Our attendance goal is 100% for all students with 97% attendance as a minimum expectation over the year. This means only 5 days absent from school over the entirety of 2023-24.

First Impressions – Uniform

The wearing of full Academy uniform is expected and is an important part of The Albion Academy value of respect which promotes positive attitudes, high standards and a sense of personal pride. We ask for parental support and would like to take this opportunity to communicate our uniform standards clearly.

- School blazers are compulsory whilst inside the school building. Jumpers are optional.
- White buttoned long/short sleeved shirt with a formal academy tie.
- Smart black trousers (leggings or flared trousers are not acceptable) or black pleated skirt that falls below the knee.
- Socks must be plain black with no bows (ankle or knee length are acceptable)
- All footwear must be entirely black, polishable and have no coloured logos or soles and not be of ankle height. Boots, heeled footwear or trainers of any sort are not considered acceptable footwear.



- All students will be expected to carry a backpack to ensure that they have all their equipment and PE kit. We will not allow handbags/man bags as acceptable school bags. As a rule of thumb, the backpack must be large enough to fit an outdoor coat.

Principal Mr M Rogers

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- Students are expected to be ready to learn and arrive to lessons with the following equipment: a pen, pencil and ruler. This can be purchased for £1 at the academy shop during break time.
- Hair, make-up and jewellery:
 - Natural hair colour
 - Neat in appearance
 - Navy or black hair bobbles/clips
 - Make-up should not be worn
 - A wristwatch – no smartwatches
- The following are banned and are not acceptable uniform:
 - Hoodies or non-academy jumpers
 - Patterned tights
 - Unnatural hair colours or extreme hairstyles
 - Shaven or partially shaven eyebrows
 - Visible make-up, including false eyelashes, nail varnish or acrylic nails
 - Facial piercing or body piercing (for example nose, lip, tongue or belly button)
 - Ear piercings
 - Any jewellery
- Students whose religion requires them to wear a head scarf or cap are permitted to do so and we ask this is plain black in colour.
- Outdoor coats may be worn outside the building but must be removed when directed during line-ups and placed in bags or carried over the arm.

First Impressions – Academic Journal

From September 2023, students will be expected to always carry an Academic Journal with them. This will be provided upon their return to school to support their independent study, travel around the school and understanding of their daily timetables. Within the Academic Journal, students will also have a 'First Impressions' log. Students who are not wearing full academy uniform will be required to 'Stop and Fix'. Where uniform standards require a correction, this will be logged in the journal. On their third reminder, students will be issued with a next day 30-minute after school detention. Students without their Academic Journal will immediately be issued with a next day 30-minute detention. On the other hand, those students who self-manage well showing a clear 'First Impressions' log will be rewarded for their efforts on a routine basis.

Refusal to comply with the Academy's uniform policy will result in students being placed in the Reflection Room for five periods, including a same-day detention of up to 45-minutes, or until the uniform issue is resolved with your support.

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We are committed to supporting you in keeping uniform costs down, so please find below a list of local and national uniform suppliers, both in person and online who offer excellent value for money.

Shoes

<https://www.shoezone.com/>
<https://www.wynsors.com/>
<https://amazon.com>

Socks, Shirts, Trousers, Skirts, Tights

<https://www.matalan.co.uk/>
<https://www.tesco.com>
<https://www.asda.com>
<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk>

Branded Albion Academy Uniform & Kit

<https://malsschoolwearsalford.com/>
<https://www.mclellanclimbing.com/>
<https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/store/swinton/>

Bags

<https://www.sportsdirect.com>
<https://www.amazon.com>

If you wish to discuss support for uniform purchases ready for September 2023, please contact the school to discuss and we will be happy to help. I would like to take this opportunity in advance to thank you for your support for our uniform expectations.

First Impressions - Behaviour & Rewards

The Albion Academy has a very clear Behaviour & Rewards Policy which is focussed on the core value of respect and underpins the learning culture of our Academy. For further details on our rewards and our consequences, please find our Policy here: [The Albion Academy Policies and Procedures](#)

Have a great final week of your summer break, see you next week.

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