



Astrea Academy Trust
INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE

ASTREA ACADEMY NETHERWOOD UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS 2026-27

Uniform Expectations

As a Trust and as an Academy, we are values-driven. Our vision is to provide an inclusive, aspirational and academic education for all our scholars, so that all of them will learn, thrive and lead successful lives. We are unapologetically ambitious for every child, no matter what their background, prior attainment or needs. We want to ensure that all our scholars have the option to be able to go to university or aspirational alternative. We are not going to reduce expectations because of a child's background or home life, or because they are new to English or have a special educational need. In fact, the opposite is true. It is our job to redouble our efforts to help children overcome these barriers so that they can learn, thrive and lead successful lives.

In support of our values, uniform achieves three important objectives:

- **It encourages a sense of community identity and pride.** By wearing the same badge and the same clothing, scholars are encouraged to think of the needs of the community as well as their own individual needs.
- **It encourages our scholars to develop habits for life.** By learning to, for example, polish their shoes, fold trousers or hang up their blazers, scholars learn the habits of discipline and personal responsibility that will stay with them for life.
- **It prevents unkindness or bullying while keeping costs down.** By requiring all our scholars to wear the same low-cost uniform, we reduce the incentive for scholars to ask parents for the latest (and most expensive) items of fashion. As a result, costs are kept as low as possible and no child can be seen to be poorer or wealthier than any other.

All Astrea secondary scholars should wear full school uniform. Uniforms should reflect our values and reinforce our culture of high expectations, pride in appearance and academic achievement. Uniform is one way in which scholars identify as an academy community and it promotes a strong and cohesive academy identity, supporting high standards in all areas of academy life as well as a sense of belonging.

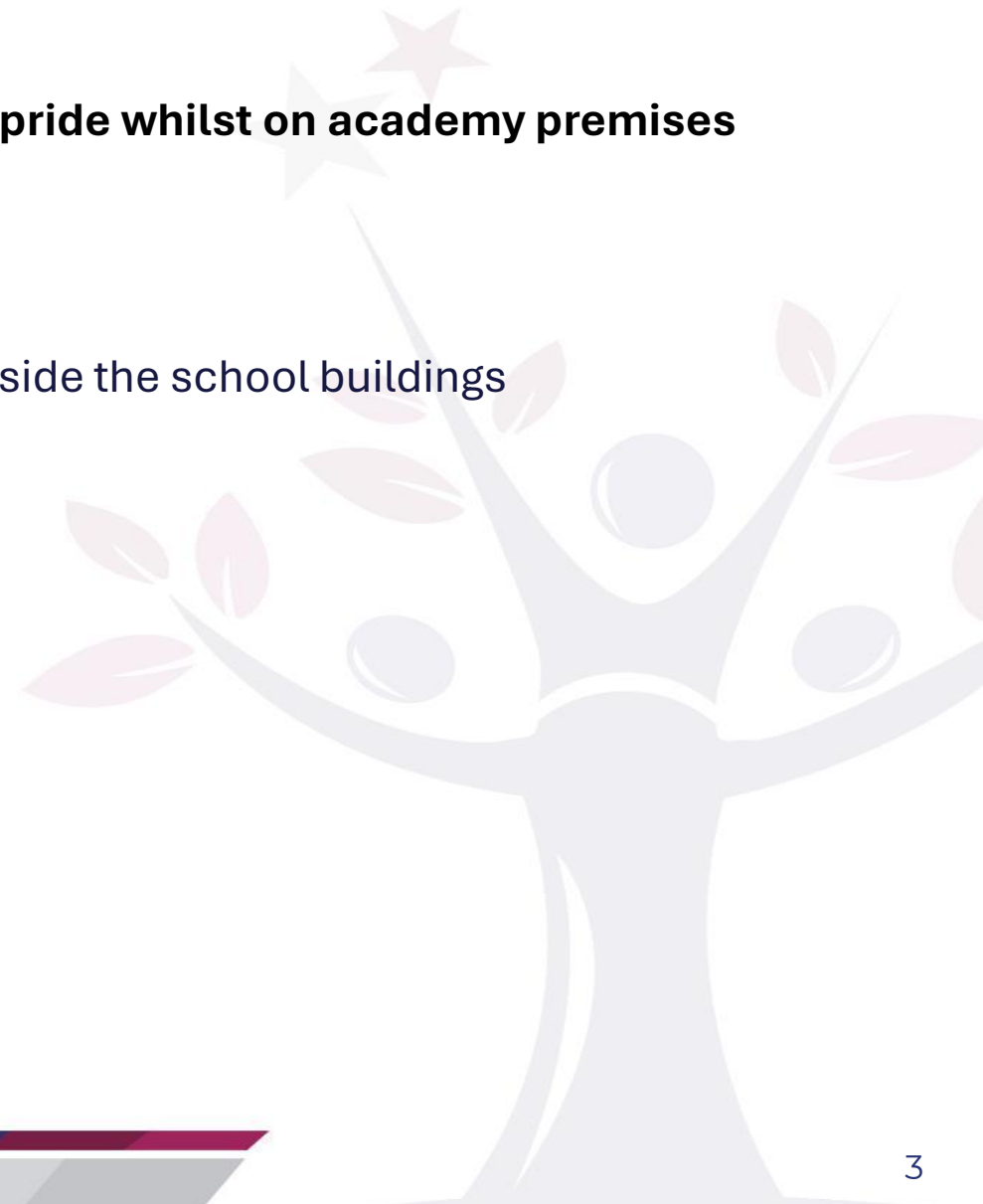
Visual Expectations

Wearing the Uniform with Pride

All scholars are expected to wear their uniform correctly and with pride whilst on academy premises and on the journey to and from the academy.

Key aspects of wearing the uniform correctly with pride are:

- No coats, hoodies or any other non-uniform outer clothing worn inside the school buildings
- Blazer always worn when moving around the academy
- Sleeves on blazers and shirts must not rolled up
- Top button fastened on shirt
- Shirt tucked in
- Tie worn correctly
- No jewellery apart from one small stud in each ear and a watch.



Y7&8 Uniform

Compulsory branded items for all students:

- Academy blazer
- Correct Key Stage Tie
- Academy Bag (Branded Bag will be provided to all new Y7 students, any replacements will be charged)
- PE ¼ Zip Top (To be worn over a plain black polo neck t-shirt)



KS3 / Years 7-9



Y7&8 Uniform

Other compulsory items (non-branded):

- White long or short-sleeved shirt, with formal collar and fastened button. Shirts must be tucked in.
- Black Trousers (full length, tailored fit – NO leggings or skin-tight material. See Trousers images for further details)
- Plain black socks, no white, coloured or patterned socks are permitted.
- Black leather / leather look school shoes (see Shoe images for further details)
- Outdoor coat

Optional items:

- Plain black jumper (V-neck only so the tie is clearly visible)
- Belt. Black, leather (or leather effect), simple / professional discrete buckle.

Headscarves and religious headwear:

- All religious headwear should be black and contain no embellishments.



Y7&8 PE Kit



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Compulsory PE items for all Y7&8 students:

- Plain black polo neck t-shirt
- Branded PE ¼ zip top (see image)
- Plain Black Shorts – Knee length / Plain black sport leggings / Plain black joggers or tracksuit bottoms
- Black socks
- Trainers



Y9-11 Uniform

Core Compulsory branded items for all Y9-11 students:

- Academy blazer (Original **or** New Logo)
- Correct Key Stage Tie
- PE Top (Can be plain black polo and new ¼ Zip Top **or** Netherwood green/black PE top)



KS3 / Years 7-9



KS4 / Years 10-11



Y9-11 Uniform

Other compulsory items (non-branded):

- White long or short-sleeved shirt, with formal collar and fastened button. Shirts must be tucked in.
- Black Trousers (full length, tailored fit – NO leggings or skin-tight material. See Trousers images for further details)
- Plain black socks, no white, coloured or patterned socks are permitted.
- Black leather / leather look school shoes (see Shoe images for further details)
- Outdoor coat
- Backpack A4 sized



Optional items:

- Branded or non-branded academy jumper. Black V-neck only.
- Belt. Black, leather (or leather effect), simple / professional discrete buckle.

Headscarves and religious headwear:

- All religious headwear should be black and contain no embellishments.

Y9-11 PE Kit



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Compulsory PE items for all Y9-11 students:

- PE Top - Plain black polo shirt and branded ¼ Zip Top **or** Netherwood green/black PE top)
- Plain Black Shorts – Knee Length / Plain black sport leggings / Plain black joggers or tracksuit bottoms
- Black socks
- Trainers



Black School Shoes

Black leather or leather-style shoes that can be polished, with a flat sole are the only shoes that are permitted. Heels should be no higher than 2.5cm/1inch. No boots, trainers, or trainer-style shoes, ballet pumps, canvas or suede shoes are allowed. The style should be traditional, avoiding the appearance of a trainer.

Laces must be black.

No bows, large logos or metallic detailing

(Kickers are approved footwear)



Images are for illustrative purposes only.
Other suitable shoes are available.

Permitted Items



- One single pair of stud-earrings. No other jewellery is allowed
- One analogue wrist watch (**no smart watches**)
- Medic Alert necklace / bracelet or medical device (if required)
- Discreet and natural make up
- **All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons and in certain subjects for health and safety**



Non Approved School Shoes



No rubber toe pumps



No trainer styles



No Air Force 1's



No ballet bump styles



No metal/metallic detailing



No large logos or detailing



No canvas



No boots



No clear/transparent soles/colourful stitching



No suede or bows

Non Approved Trousers

Trousers should be full length, tailored, loose fitting and long enough to touch the shoe when a scholar is standing.

Tight fitting trousers, trousers with stretchy material and leggings are not permitted.



No rivets or denim



No leggings or tight fitting trousers



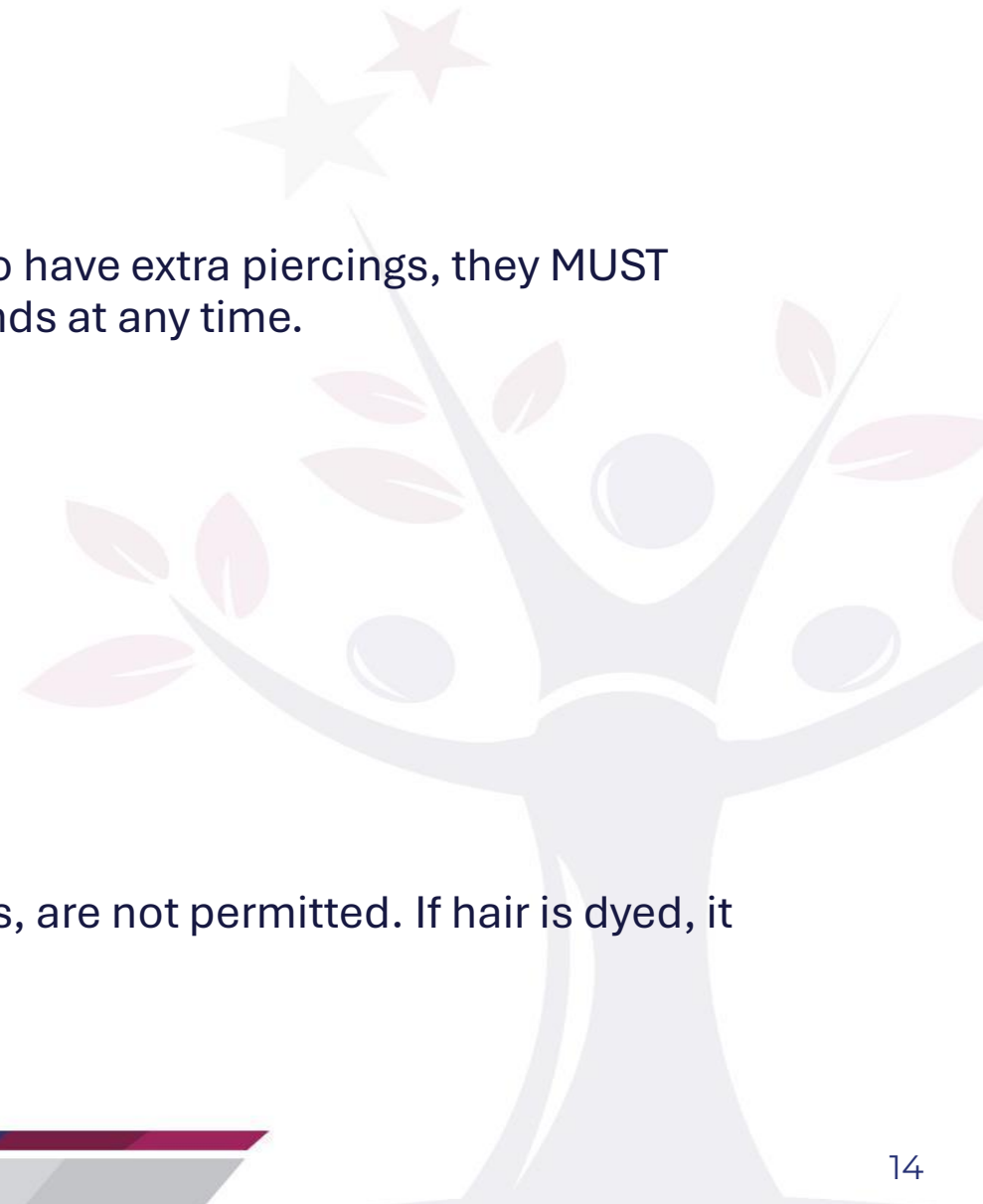
No jogging bottoms



No cargo pockets or drawstring ankles

Items NOT permitted – All year groups

- Hooped earrings
- Multiple sets of earrings
- Any other piercings (ear, nose, eyebrow etc...) If scholars choose to have extra piercings, they **MUST NOT** wear the jewellery anywhere in the academy building or grounds at any time.
- Bracelets / Necklaces – unless medic alert
- Noticeable make-up (any make-up must be discreet and natural)
- False eyelashes
- Nail polish
- False nails (including clear gels, acrylics, extensions, Shellac)
- Extreme styles, lines and patterns shaved into the hair or eyebrows, are not permitted. If hair is dyed, it must not be dyed a colour that could not be achieved naturally.
- Excessive or large hair accessories



All Year Groups

Hair

Hair should be a suitable, neat style. It should not be excessive and should have a natural colour/tone. Extremes of hairstyles or hair colour, **as decided by the academy**, are not acceptable in any circumstance. Hair that is shaved must be blended into the rest of the hair and not deemed as extreme. Hair that looks shorter than a 'number 2' cut will be considered extreme. The Principal's decision will be final.

Headscarves

Some girls may choose to wear headscarves. If so, these headscarves must look conventional and understated in style.

- Headscarves must be black.
- Pins or clips must be small, dark in colour and understated.
- There can be no decorations such as sequins or patterns.
- Material must not be too long at the front or the back so as to obscure the uniform or look untidy. At the front, headscarve material must not go below the V-neck of a jumper or equivalent.
- If pupils choose to wear a headscarf, it must completely cover the hair.

All Year Groups

Jewellery

- **One** pair of small plain studs are permitted **in the lower ear lobe**.
- **No other jewellery of any kind may be worn.**
- **No other piercings** of any kind are permitted including eyebrow, nose, tongue, cartilage, lip-studs or rings.
- **One wristwatch** is allowed to be worn. This should be plain and understated in style. Oversized fashion watches, watches in bright colours and watches worn as jewellery are not acceptable.
- **Smart watches** and Fitbits are not allowed.
- **Retainers and ear stretchers are not permitted.**
- **No accessories** are to be worn around the neck, wrists, and ankles or attached to clothing.
- **Only academy reward badges** are permitted.

Make-Up

- **No nail varnish or false/acrylic nails** are permitted.

Any make-up worn must be discreet and natural. We recognise that a conservative amount of makeup may be worn but must not be “visible”. For example, e.g. lip gloss, mascara, eyeliner and eyeshadow may be used sparingly. No false eyelashes, of any kind are permitted.

Approved Suppliers

Year 7&8 Uniform

Year 7&8 will all wear uniform with the new Astrea Netherwood logo.

Year 9-11 Uniform

Years 9-11 can continue to wear uniform with the old logo if they wish, Our suppliers will supply all new uniform with the new logo.

Original Logo	New Logo
	

S&S Clothing

Unit C3 Grove Park
Springvale Road
Grimethorpe
Barnsley
S72 7BF
Tel: 07989 390709

Vortex Schoolwear

Grange Lane Industrial Estate
Stairfoot
Barnsley
S71 5AS
Tel: 01226 202329