

May 2026

Dear Families,

The department for education recently released guidance to schools aimed to support parents with the cost of school uniform. The means that from September 2026 all secondary schools can have a maximum of 4 branded items of uniform – all other uniform can be purchased from any supplier provided it meets the requirements set out in the uniform policy.

We have determined that we will have 4 branded items of uniform. These are:

- The King Edward VI Sheldon Heath PE polo shirt (in house colours)
- The King Edward VI Sheldon Heath tie (in house colours)
- The King Edward VI Sheldon Heath PE training top (this is optional but if your child wants to wear a jumper for PE it has to be the King Edward VI Sheldon Heath branded version)
- The King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy skirt.

We will also expect all students to wear our The King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy badge on their blazers, but we will supply these to families so there is no cost. Other additional branded items are available to purchase but they are not compulsory:

- The King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy V-necked jumper
- The King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy PE shorts and tracksuit bottoms
- The King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy school bag

Included in the letter is the section from our uniform policy that outlines our uniform expectations. There have been some minor changes to our uniform expectations around jewellery:

- Students are permitted to wear a watch, and singles studs in each ear. Smart watches are not permitted. Rings and bracelets are not permitted.
- Jewellery on other parts of the body is not permitted including body or facial piercings such as tongue or nose piercings (this includes clear nose/facial studs). This includes skin and body decorations. If in doubt, contact the Academy before proceeding.

I would also like to remind families that if children choose to wear skirts, they should be knee length. In assemblies we will share the details of the new policy with our students, so they are fully aware of the changes.

Uniform List

- Black trousers of regular shape and formal design and fabric (not tapered/skinny leg or flared) – no jeans/heavy cotton style, or a KESH branded knee length plain black skirt.
- Plain white shirt with top button
- Academy clip-on tie
- Academy blazer (or a plain black blazer with the Academy badge attached). The Academy badge is provided free of charge to all students.
- Academy black V-necked jumper (non-compulsory). Students are not required to wear a jumper under their blazer but if they choose to do so it should be a KESH branded jumper.
- Plain black shoes with no logos – trainers and boots (including ankle length boots) are not permitted.
- Plain white or plain black ankle socks or plain black/flesh-coloured tights (no branding)
- A suitable school bag that is large enough to fit student equipment and books (pouch bags/handbags are not permitted). A branded KESH backpack is available, but this is not compulsory.

P.E. List

- House PE polo shirt
- Plain black shorts/Plain black tracksuit bottoms/Plain black leggings (these items must have minimal logos and must be plain black without different colours/stripes).
- Plain white/black sports socks
- Academy training top (this is compulsory but if a jumper/training top is worn it must be the KESH version)
- Trainers and football boots. Please check the information on which boots/trainers to purchase on the website – only certain boots/trainers can be used on the Astro Turf pitch
- Shin pads and a mouth guard

Other Uniform Expectations

Hairstyles

- Hairstyles should be appropriate. For example – excessive razor cuts, mohicans, tram lines and spiked hair will not be acceptable.
- Hair colour should be within the natural range – for example, purple, red, pink, green, blue and the like are not permitted. If in doubt, consult the Academy prior to proceeding with a haircut or colouring.

Jewellery

- Students are permitted to wear a watch, and singles studs in each ear. Smart watches are not permitted. Rings and bracelets are not permitted.
- Jewellery on other parts of the body is not permitted including body or facial piercings such as tongue or nose piercings (this includes clear nose/facial studs). This includes skin and body decorations. If in doubt, contact the Academy before proceeding.
- We recognise that some religions have articles of faith which have exceptional importance, and we welcome an open dialogue in such cases.

Coats

- Students can bring a choice of their coat to the Academy however this must be removed when inside the building.

Make Up

- Students can wear a small amount of make-up provided that this is deemed to be subtle.
- Nail varnish, false or acrylic nails are not permitted in the Academy (clear nail varnish is permitted).
- Extensions/false/acrylic nails can represent a health and safety risk and as a result are not permitted.

Shoes

- The only shoes allowed must be black plain leather/leather effect. If they have laces, they must be black. The shoes should have no significant trim which is not black.
- Open-toed shoes or shoes without a back represent a health and safety hazard and cannot be worn to the Academy.
- Trainers or boots must not be worn in the Academy (this includes ankle length boots).
- Medical notes will be required for those students that have diagnosed conditions that prevent them from wearing school shoes. In these case students will be expected to wear plain black trainers.

Other

- Sweatshirts and hoodies should not be worn.
- Baseball caps or other headwear should not be worn except for headscarves.
- Black head scarves may be worn by girls – please contact the Academy if you wish to enquire about other items of religious attire.
- We recognise that some young people with SEND require flexibility in the uniform as a reasonable adjustment to access the school environment. There may also be other reasons why parents/carers wish their child to wear something different, and we welcome an open dialogue in such cases.
- If you have any questions about the uniform policy, please contact your child's pastoral manager.

Any non-branded items can be purchased from any supplier provided it meets the uniform expectations outlined in the table above. Any branded items can be purchased from Mansuri's school wear or Clive Marks school wear.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at the Academy.

Best wishes,

Mr M Billyeald
Head of School