

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

We are pleased to announce an update to our school uniform policy from April 2024. We are introducing **tailored shorts** as an optional uniform item for all students.

Each year we have a referendum whereby the student body votes for a positive change to their Academy. Last year the students voted for the optional additional item of tailored shorts to be added to their uniform. We understand the importance of student comfort, particularly during warmer months. This addition to the uniform provides students with a **comfortable and appropriate** option for hotter weather.

Here's what you need to know about the additional optional tailored shorts option:

- **Tailored shorts** [Uniform Direct Website HERE](#)
- Plain black tailored, professional looking Axholme Academy shorts. These must be purchased from Uniform Direct . No other shorts are permitted
- School shoes must be worn with shorts and socks worn with shorts should be plain (black, grey, white)
- No 'trainer' socks are allowed

To help purchase the correct size shorts without travelling to the Uniform Direct shop in Gainsborough we have a 'try on' stock in the Academy. Students can try a pair on for size at the PE changing rooms during break time. This will enable the correct size to be ordered from Uniform Direct



Maintaining a Smart Appearance: We understand concerns about maintaining a neat and professional look with shorts. The shorts chosen in conjunction with the Academy Student Council are made from wrinkle-resistant and durable materials and are in keeping with the smart appearance of our uniform.

Gender-Neutral Option: Tailored shorts offer a **gender-neutral** uniform option, promoting inclusivity for all students.

We believe this update will provide a more comfortable learning environment for students while maintaining the overall **smart appearance** of our Academy uniform.

Over the Easter holidays we will also be making some improvements to the school environment, and as such we will be removing the pegs in the corridor on the ground floor. Please ensure that your child takes all of their belongings from the pegs before the end of the day on Thursday 28 March. Any items left over will be placed in the school lost property.

Students will be expected to continue to bring a bag and, should they wish, a coat to school and keep it on their person throughout the day. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

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