



Leigh Academy Mascalls Uniform Policy (2025/26)

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Introduction and Rationale

At **Leigh Academy Mascalls**, 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 Mascalls. We work with suppliers to ensure durable and well-made garments.

- **Supplier:** Brigade Clothing - <https://www.brigade.uk.com/> Online only
- **Supplier:** Barsleys Department Store - <https://barsleys.co.uk/>
- **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.
- **Year-Round Uniform:** We simplify things further by having a single uniform suitable for the entire academic year, reducing overall costs.

Compulsory Uniform Expectations

Item	Details
Blazer	Academy blazer with badge, which must be worn at all times .
Shirt (Boys)	Plain white shirt (long or short sleeved). Shirts must be tucked in at all times and worn with an academy tie.
Blouse (Girls)	Plain white blouse (long or short sleeved). Must have a (revere) blouse collar.
Academy Tie (Boys)	Must be at the appropriate length
Trousers (Boys)	Black school trousers (no dark/black canvas jeans)
Trousers (Girls)	Black tailored trousers.
Skirt (Girls)	Academy Skirt (skirts must be level with the back of the knee when standing) or black school trousers (no dark/black canvas jeans)
Black School Shoes	Black leather shoes (no trainers, boots or canvas shoes) In the event of an injury, soft black shoes may be worn (letter from doctor/hospital required)

Optional Uniform Items

- Navy blue V-neck jumper with trim
- **Belt (optional):** Black belt (all black, no patterns) with a plain silver or gold buckle (no logo).

Compulsory Equipment

Item	Details
Rucksack, Backpack, or Portfolio Bag	Must be large enough for an A4 folder/book . (Handbags, plastic bags, or drawstring sports bags are not permitted). Required for adequate protection for pupils' chromebooks and belongings, especially during travel.
Chromebook	Must be brought to school each day fully charged.
Clear Pencil Case	Required (in preparation for exams), containing the minimum of: 2 Black Pens, 2 Red Pens, 2 Pencils, Ruler, Rubber, Scientific Calculator.

Strictly Not Permitted

- **Hoodies are banned** from the site and will be confiscated if worn.
- **Jewellery:** Only one pair of small **gold or silver studded earrings** in the lower lobe is allowed. **No facial piercings** (including clear nose studs and retainers). No clear piercings of any kind. No bracelets, rings, or necklaces.
- **Footwear:** No trainers, boots, or high-heeled shoes. This includes black trainers or any shoe that the school judges to be a trainer.
- **Clothing:** No sweatshirts or non-school jumpers, no knee/thigh length socks, no leggings, skinny jeans, denim trousers, chinos, or non-school trousers.
- **Headwear:** No baseball caps/hats in the academy building.
- **Grooming:** No painted nails, false/acrylic nails, false eyelashes, no fake tan, no makeup.
- **Hair:**
 - No extreme haircuts (e.g., skin fades, graphics, lines) and must be a **minimum of a grade 1 cut** (Senior leadership team discretion).
 - Hair must be of a **natural colour** (Senior leadership team discretion).

PE, Dance, and Drama Uniform Expectations

Item	Details
Top Layers	Academy PE Polo top. Academy quarter zip training top Academy rugby top (optional)
Bottoms	Academy shorts or skort (Academy Logo) leggings, or tracksuit bottoms.
Socks	Academy sports socks, blue with navy trim
Shoes	Trainers (Astro) or 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.
Practical Lessons	Pupils unable to take part in a practical lesson will still be expected to change into full PE kit.

Failure to Follow the Uniform Policy

- Minor uniform infringements will result in the students Conduct Card being signed
- If uniforms cannot be rectified, this will result in pupils being placed within the **Internal Inclusion Room** for the duration of the academy day. 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.