



ARDEN - SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many institutions require conventional dress. The conventional dress for a school is its school uniform. Pupils in uniform enhance their own reputations and prospects by enhancing those of the school. Controlled and sensible behaviour should also be regarded as part of the school uniform.

Uniform	
Blazer	School green, complete with pocket badge (Compulsory Years 7-11)
Tie	Arden school tie and worn in a tidy knot no more than 4cm across and 7 stripes in length
Trousers	Boys - Black or dark grey, regulation school style trouser Girls - Black, straight legged trouser (no bootleg, jeggings, jeans or other fashion trousers).
Skirt	Arden skirt only with 'A' embroidered at the top of the skirt. The 'A' must be visible, i.e. skirts must not be rolled up and the overall length should not be more than 4cm above the knee.
Shirt	White, button to neck collar
Jumper - Boys	Years 7-9, grey with green/gold/green band, Years 10-11, plain bottle green
Jumper/Cardigan – Girls	Years 7-9, grey with green/gold/green band, Years 10-11, plain bottle green.
Socks	Boys - Black or dark grey Girls - Ankle socks in white, black or dark grey may be worn.
Tights	Black or neutral coloured tights.
Shoes	Boys - black only, of a solid, robust and traditional style. Shoes that look like trainers, trainers and sport branded shoes are not permitted. Girls - black only, of a solid, durable and traditional style. Low heels are allowed but no light-weight fashion shoes. Canvas pumps/trainers should not be worn to school (except for in P.E. lessons). <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>
Scarf	Plain black or bottle green
Coats	Pupils may wear an overcoat which is completely plain and of a single colour, without pattern or obvious motif
Jewellery	No jewellery other than a plain strapped watch. Students may wear one plain silver or gold stud (max 3mm diameter) in each earlobe.
Hair	Hair should be kept tidy, with no extreme hairstyles, e.g. tramlines and hair dye/colours are not permitted. Long hair should be tied back in practical lessons using a plain black hair bobble. A plain black or dark green band/slide is permitted.
Make-up	In Years 7, 8 and 9 make-up and nail varnish are NOT permitted. In Years 10 and 11 a small amount of discreet make-up is allowed, but lipstick, coloured lip salve and nail varnish are not permitted. Students must not bring make-up into the Academy.
Turbans	Black or dark green

Hijabs	Black and pinned under the chin to stay on the head comfortably.
Bag	A bag fit for the purpose of carrying school equipment, books and folders. Small hand/shoulder bags and carrier bags are not allowed. Bags should be of discreet colour and design.
Summer uniform	This can be worn between September and October half term and between Easter and July.
Shirt	Boys - during summer, boys may wear a white short sleeved shirt, buttoned to the neck with a tie. Girls – during summer, white, short-sleeved, open neck blouse may be worn without a tie, or, if preferred winter uniform may continue to be worn.
Physical Education	
Shoes	A pair of clean, laced trainers should be kept for indoor/outdoor use
P.E. Top*	Green polo (Girls/Boys cut) GCSE or Diploma P.E. black polo
Socks	Short, white
Shorts*	Boys - black, rugby style shorts Girls - Black, lycra cycling shorts
Skort* - Girls	Skort - Bottle green, combination shorts/skirt. The skort length should be mid-thigh (if it is deemed to be too short, we will ask that leggings/joggers are worn)
Sports leggings – (Girls)	Black with Arden name on left calf
Track-suit bottoms* (Unisex)	Plain black with/without Arden embroidery (no stripes, logos or piping allowed)
Rugby shirt*	Bottle green/gold Falcon style
Quarter zip sweatshirt*	Green and gold (optional)
Bag	Any zipped bag (not a plastic carrier bag)
Rugby socks - boys	Bottle and gold sock
Hockey socks - girls	Bottle green and gold sock
Shin pads	Any
Gum shield	Any – must be worn for contact sports unless consent not to wear is provided by parent
Optional equipment	Some pupils prefer to provide their own tennis racket and hockey stick

*Items need embroidering with pupils initials.

Students should bring their PE kit to all PE lessons (even if injured). If students are unable to take part in a practical way then they will be expected to play a full part in the lesson in a non-practical role (for example as a coach, umpire or match reporter) to ensure that they still get the most out of the lesson.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE OWNER'S FULL NAME (THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE INITIALS EMBROIDERD ON THE OUTSIDE)

If parents are unsure about any uniform item, they are advised to seek clarification from the Academy before purchase.

Stockists of School uniform in the standard colours are:
 Palmers of Knowle – <https://www.palmersschoolwear.co.uk/>
 Early Years of Shirley - <https://www.earlyyearsschoolwear.com/>

Both of these outlets offer an online service for purchasing uniform and also offer an embroidery service for putting pupils initials on the outside of P.E. kit.