

ACADEMY UNIFORM POLICY AND GUIDANCE

If you are in any doubt about what is/is not permitted, please check with the academy beforehand.

Tamworth Enterprise College is a 'uniformed' school. Therefore there is a clear expectation that pupils attending TEC will wear the full uniform, will wear it appropriately and that this expectation will be supported by parents.

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- Makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and financial circumstances
- Is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents

Uniform is worn by all pupils in Years 7-11.

Our REMARKABLE uniform offer:

We recognise that living in a post-pandemic World can be challenging financially for many families. Because of this we have created an on-site uniform store which is populated with brand new ties, shirts, blazers, bags, trousers and shoes- all in a wide variety of sizes- which are available to students who cannot source their own or who lose/ forget their own. We will not allow poverty or other circumstances to act as a barrier to being a fully uniformed TEC student. This includes us providing equipment, notebooks and plastic free branded water bottles.

Every morning students enter through our academy threshold and at this point uniform is checked, any students needing an item of uniform will be offered, free of charge and consequence, a replacement item. This is also the point at which any student not complying with the uniform policy will be asked to correct their choices and 'put it right.' We ask that parents ensure their child is not put in the embarrassing position of having to remove piercings/ trainers/ hoodies (or other offending items) at the threshold to school. This inevitably starts the day on a bad note for students and causes unnecessary conflict where a quick parental word and correction before leaving the house can solve the issue.

UNIFORM:

BLAZERS: All Years wear black, traditional-style uniform blazers (available from most supermarkets and school uniform suppliers). **Black, fitted, fashion-styled jackets will NOT be permitted** In warm weather the school will operate a 'blazers off' policy. Pupils will be informed when these days are operating. Alternatives to the blazer will not be permitted.

BLAZER BADGE: This is a compulsory part of the uniform and should be sewn onto the blazer. This can be purchased from recommended suppliers listed at the end of the policy.

WHITE SHIRTS: All Years will wear a plain white shirt with collar.

School Tie: All years will wear the school tie, with the appropriate House Stripe.



TROUSERS: since **September 2014** all years and genders wear **plain** (no decorative: buttons, zips, belts, etc) black, **standard** school trousers ONLY. Fashion trousers are not permitted. Trousers should not be tight-fitting or low-slung.



FOOTWEAR: only black, plain (no colour trim or logo at all) standard school shoes will be permitted. Black trainers, canvas-style shoes, backless shoes etc will not be permitted. Trainer-style school shoes (often displayed in the school shoes section of shops – reputable shoe

shops included) **are not permitted.**

Boots: We take the view that boots are a practical, warm alternative to shoes during snowy conditions. **Socks:** Black, grey or white school socks.

			
			
			
			
			
			



HAIR/MAKE UP/JEWELLERY/BELTS:

Hair: should be neat and tidy. Extreme styles, unnatural hair colours, decorative attachments are not permitted. Tram lines or other shaved shapes in the hair or eyebrows are not permitted.

Make-up: Discreet, natural-looking make-up is permitted for Years 10 onwards. **Clear** nail polish is permitted. Years 7, 8 and 9 cannot wear make-up.

Jewellery: No jewellery, except for one wrist watch and a maximum of one plain set of stud earrings, metal-coloured, one in each ear, worn in the lower ear lobe. No other piercings are permitted. **Face jewellery/piercings and nose studs are not allowed.**

Belts: Plain black. If a belt is worn it should be for functional not decorative purposes. Maximum width for belt and for plain buckle = 4 cms.

SCARVES/HATS/GLOVES: Are permitted during winter months only and cannot be worn anywhere inside the building.

OUTDOOR COATS: Should be black or dark blue and can be worn over the blazer. They cannot be worn inside the building. Hoodies are **NOT** permitted and will be confiscated. **JUMPERS** must be plain black v-neck jumpers only.

MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Should only be used outside at breaks and lunchtimes unless otherwise directed by a member of staff in a lesson. Headphones should not be visible during lessons or lesson changeover. **Phones/electronic devices brought into school remain the sole responsibility of the pupil.** If for any reason they are confiscated by a member of staff then the school will take responsibility for their safety until returned. The school will decide whether the item is returned to the pupil or the parent.

PE KIT

- School rugby shirt. Parents are advised to buy a shirt two sizes too large to enable boys to grow into it
- Black shorts
- Long black socks
- Football boots
- Black polo shirt
- Clear soled non-marking indoor footwear
- Swimming trunks/shorts
- Towel for all lessons
- Sweat-shirts

There will be strictly no use of any other aspect of fashionable PE clothing. It is advised that students **NAME** their kit.