

Expectations at The Milton Keynes Academy – A reminder

In line with our values and ethos, we want every student to be successful and be well prepared for life beyond school. Therefore, we wanted to take this opportunity at the start of a new term to provide a reminder to both our students and our parents/carers on some important expectations at The Milton Keynes Academy (MKA).

Uniform promotes a strong sense of discipline, self-esteem, equality and a sense of belonging to the community with a shared set of values. At our Academy we value enterprise and employability skills as well as academic achievement. We want our students to be well prepared for the world of work where first impressions are very important. We believe that if young people look smart, they will act smart and be smart. Appearances matter. Uniform encourages a professional and business-like that aims for quality and success. We want our students to be proud of their appearance and of their Academy.

- 1. Students should be in their uniform at the Academy and on the way to and from the Academy
- 2. Students are expected to wear a black blazer with the MKA logo
- 3. Students are expected to wear a tie every day
- 4. Students are expected to wear plain smart black shoes. These will be formal leather or leather look shoes. No trainers or boots are allowed
- 5. Girls can wear either plain black smart trousers or plain black tailored school skirts which must be knee length combined with plain black tights
- 6. All hair colour must be natural

Other non-uniform related expectations:

- 7. Mobile phones are not allowed to be used or be seen during the Academy day in the building, unless discretion is given by the teacher to use for educational purposes
- 8. Personal headphones may be used at the teacher's discretion for educational purposes only e.g. live lessons. There must be no video games or music
- 9. Hooded tops and coats are not part of the school uniform and cannot be worn inside the Academy building. However, we recognise that during the winter period when temperatures can be very low, there may be exceptional circumstances whereby students may wear hoodies and coats inside the building at the teacher's discretion as outerwear, but this will be reviewed
- 10. Students must come to school with the correct equipment to ensure they are ready for learning. The equipment list includes: a black or blue pen, rubber, pencil, ruler, scientific calculator, pencil case, colouring crayons and a Maths set - compass, protractor and set square.

We have high expectations at The Milton Keynes Academy in line with our vision, values and ethos. If any student does not meet the above expectations, then the student concerned will expect to receive a sanction.

Student not in correct uniform at the start of the Academy day will be loaned a new item of clothing to ensure compliance. This loaned item must be returned to the Academy at the end of the half term period.