

The Quest Academy Uniform and Appearance: Years 7–11

All students are expected to wear their uniform with pride, both in school and in the local community

Items marked with an * below **MUST** be purchased from our school uniform supplier

GIRLS

Jacket*	Navy blue Colchester jacket. The jacket must be worn to and from the Academy every day. The jumper may be removed when travelling but not the jacket
Skirt*	Navy blue Colchester skirt. The skirt is to be worn so that it reaches at least the crease at the back of the knee
Trousers*	Navy blue Colchester trousers
Blouse	Plain white, short or long sleeve blouse in a classic style with a reverse neckline. Vests or undergarments must be white and must not be visible under the blouse
Jumper*	Navy blue V neck jumper. Alternative jumpers must not be worn. The jumper is not to be worn as an alternative to the jacket when travelling to and from The Quest
Vest Tops	During the winter months, students may wear a plain white vest top or t-shirt under their shirt or blouse. No other colour is permitted
Shoes	Black, plain, sturdy leather shoes with wide flat heels (not kitten-type) – no platforms, sling-backs, boots above ankle height or open-toe shoes. Mules, trainers or fabric shoes are not permitted
Tights & Socks	Neutral, plain black or navy opaque tights - no patterns are permitted; or plain white ankle (not trainer) socks Students will also need a pair of plain white sports socks for PE lessons
House Lapel Badge	A house lapel badge in the appropriate colour to be worn at all times
ID Card/Lanyard	ID card/lanyard to be worn at all times
Scarf (Optional)	Plain dark. A scarf is not to be worn inside the buildings
Outdoor Coat (Optional)	Plain dark (small discreet logos are acceptable). Not to be worn inside the building, except when going straight to the tutor room at the start of the day
Gloves (Optional)	Plain dark. Gloves are not to be worn inside the buildings
Belt	Plain dark. Large buckles displaying logos are not permitted
Jewellery	A watch with a plain strap; one pair of small studs, worn in the lower lobe of the ear only. No other jewellery. No visible body piercing, including tongue studs, are allowed
Hijab	Plain black or plain navy blue

BOYS

Jacket*	Navy blue Savile jacket. The jacket must be worn to and from the Academy every day. The jumper may be removed when travelling but not the jacket
Trousers*	Navy blue Savile trousers
Shirt	Plain white, long or short sleeved shirt. This <i>must</i> be buttoned to the neck at all times and suitable for wearing with a tie. The shirt must be <i>tucked in</i> at all times. Vests or undergarments must be white and must not be visible under the shirt
Tie*	Clip on tie in the appropriate house colour to be worn at all times
ID Card/Lanyard	ID card/lanyard to be worn at all times
Vest Tops	During the winter months, students may wear a plain white vest top or t-shirt under their shirt or blouse. No other colour is permitted.
Shoes	Black, plain, sturdy leather shoes. Mules, trainers, boots above ankle height or fabric shoes are not permitted
Socks	Plain dark socks. Students will also need a pair of plain white sports socks for PE lessons only
Outdoor Coat (Optional)	Plain dark (small discreet logos are acceptable). Not to be worn inside the building, except when going straight to the tutor room at the start of the day
Scarf (Optional)	Plain dark. A scarf is not to be worn inside the buildings
Gloves (Optional)	Plain dark. Gloves are not to be worn inside the buildings
Belt	Plain dark. Large buckles displaying logos are not permitted
Jewellery	No jewellery is allowed, except a watch. No visible body piercing, including tongue studs, are allowed

Appearance

Make Up, Nails, Hats & Hooded Tops

- Make-up, fake tan, nail varnish or nail extensions of any kind may not be worn when in The Quest Uniform;
- Spray deodorant, body sprays, or perfumes may not be brought to The Quest;
- Hats must be plain and dark and must **not** be worn in the building;
- Hooded tops of a sweatshirt material may not be worn when in The Quest uniform (including on the journey to and from the Academy)

Hair (the regulations below are as appropriate for boys or girls)

- Long hair must be tied back at all times;
- Hairbands, hair ties and scrunchies must be plain dark. No decorative hairbands, hair ties or ribbons are allowed;
- Haircuts must be no shorter than a number two;
- Hair must be worn in a simple style. Unconventional or elaborate styles are not allowed, nor are bleached, coloured streaks, unnaturally coloured hair, hair extensions, beading, shaved patterns and/or undercut or extensive braiding. An unnatural striking appearance inappropriate. If in doubt over whether a planned style would be acceptable, parents/students should contact the Academy and seek advice before having the hair styled.
- In some cases, because of hair types, functional braiding may be appropriate. Advice must be sought in advance of styling from your Achievement Coordinator, since the style is not allowed unless permission has been granted by the The Quest. As a general rule, straight line braiding is allowed. Patterned braiding (shapes etc cut into the hair) mohicans, tram lines or indents are not allowed

The Quest Academy

Physical Education Kit Requirements

Students are expected to bring and wear PE kit to all practical Physical Education lessons, including enrichment lessons, training sessions and practical BTEC Sport lessons.

They may wear either:

- The Quest Academy PE polo shirt or The Quest Academy blue reversible outdoor top
- Plain navy blue shorts or plain navy blue tracksuit bottoms (One thin piping line only is permissible)
- Plain white socks, either football socks or sports socks
- Trainers must be sturdy and suitable for sport with non-marking soles (moulded boots or blades are acceptable for the astro turf pitches, but not indoors)

PLEASE NAME AND TUTOR GROUP ALL ITEMS OF KIT SO THAT IF LOST AND FOUND THEY CAN BE RETURNED

Should any student fail to attend lessons in the correct kit they will be issued with either of the two following sanctions:

- Incorrect/wrong kit/no kit at all (without a note) class teacher's detention and will be expected to borrow kit
- No kit at all, refusal to wear a borrowed kit and cooperate will result in being removed to the supervision room

Jewellery may not be worn in lessons. Students will not be allowed to partake in lessons if they are discovered to be wearing school shoes, their outdoor coat or any part of their school uniform under their PE Kit. They will be asked to remove it, if this is not possible they will be issued with a class teacher's detention.

Illness and Injury - Being excused from lessons

Should any student be unable to participate in a practical lesson through illness or injury they will need to bring in a note to excuse them which has been signed and dated by a parent/guardian. Failure to provide a valid note of excuse will result in the issuing of a class teacher's detention.

Any student excused from full participation in PE lessons due to injury or illness is still required to attend the lesson in full kit. Failure to do so will result in a class teacher's detention on the first occasion. This will increase if it is a repeated offence

We do require students not participating in lessons to still wear their PE kit as in many cases they are able to participate as a coach or helper. Even if their injury or illness prevents a simple role in the lesson they are often required to be outside observing the lesson, which can result in becoming cold and wet. To change out of cold wet clothes back into a dry warm uniform to spend the rest of the day will prevent further discomfort and potential illness. We would recommend that students wear the appropriate kit for the weather conditions.

Valuables & Belongings

Every student in the Academy is provided with a locker. We would very strongly recommend that students leave all valuable in their lockers. Alternatively any valuables may be handed to a member of PE staff and kept in the office for the duration of the lesson. The Quest Academy cannot accept any liability for the loss of items from its changing rooms. Due to both security and health and safety all belongings must be left in the changing rooms and not brought into the teaching area, unless authorised by the member of staff leading the lesson.