



# Countesthorpe Academy

## UNIFORM POLICY 2025 – 2026

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*September 2025*

*Signed (Chair of Local Governing Board):*

*Mrs A Melville*

*Date of Next Review:*

*September 2026*

*Responsible Officer:*

*Mrs Hunt*

The Governors' Policy on Academy Uniform must be followed by all students in years 7 to 11. Please ensure the correct uniform is worn at all times and correct equipment is brought into school.

## UNIFORM FOR YEARS 7 TO 11 FOR 2025/26 ACADEMIC YEAR:

ITEM	NOTES	MUST BE PURCHASED FROM OUR UNIFORM SUPPLIER	COMPULSORY OR OPTIONAL	SEASON
<b>Blazer</b>	Countesthorpe Academy Black Logo Blazer must be worn by all students in Year 7 – 11. Blazers should always be worn unless permission is given by staff to remove them.	Yes	Compulsory for Years 7 to 11	All year round (except in extreme weather conditions)
<b>Jumper</b>	Plain black V neck jumper with Academy logo can be purchased by students in Year 7 – 11 as an extra layer under their blazer in colder weather. Jumpers are not an alternative to blazers. Hoody jumpers are not permitted and should not be worn. Tracksuit tops and non CA logo jumpers are also non uniform items and must not be worn. Jumpers should not be tucked into skirts or trousers or tied at the back.	Yes	Optional for Years 7 to 11	All year round
<b>Trousers</b>	Plain grey tailored trousers <sup>2</sup>	No	Compulsory for boys optional for girls.	All year round for boys or girls
<b>Shorts</b>	Plain grey tailored shorts <sup>2</sup>	No	Optional for boys and girls.	All year round (weather permitting)
<b>Skirt</b>	<b>Plain grey box pleated skirt</b> Students in year 7 (2024 onwards) it is compulsory to wear the Countesthorpe Academy logo skirt. Students in year 8 – 11 we recommend when purchasing a new skirt the academy logo if the skirt is not purchased from our uniform supplier, it must be the same style as that supplied by them. Box pleated. Skirts should be longer than students fingertips with their arms by their side.	No	Students in year 7 and 8 must wear the CA Logo grey pleated skirt.	All year round

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	Skirts should not be rolled at the waist band. No underwear or shorts should be visible.			
<b>Shirt</b>	Plain white shirt with collar that can be buttoned to the neck, long enough to be tucked in at all times. <sup>4</sup>	No	Compulsory for all students in Years 7 to 11	All year round
<b>Tie</b>	Countesthorpe Academy Tie (traditional or clip on)	Yes or from <a href="http://www.parentpay.com">www.parentpay.com</a>	Compulsory for all students in Years 7 to 11	All year round
<b>Socks</b>	Plain black socks. Over the knee socks should not be worn.	No	Compulsory with trousers	All year round
<b>Tights</b>	Plain black tights or plain natural skin tone. Black leggings can be worn but must meet the black socks to appear like tights. No branding or logos on leggings.	No	Compulsory for those that choose to wear a skirt	All year round
<b>Shoes</b>	These should be plain, all black (any logo must also be black), low heeled shoes or trainers which are suitable for school. Shoe laces should be black	No	Compulsory for all students unless they choose to wear boots	All year round
<b>Boots</b>	Flat boots can be worn. Trousers should not be tucked in boots. Boots should be plain black including any lace up detail. No UGG style boots should be worn <sup>6</sup>	No	Optional for all students if they choose not to wear shoes as described above.	All year round
<b>Coats</b>	Students will need an additional (preferably warm and waterproof) coat for the colder months especially given that the Academy is split across two buildings. Coats must not be worn in lessons. A hoody jumper or tracksuit top is not permitted to be used as a coat. Coats should allow enough room to fit over the academy blazer.	No	Optional	Recommended for poorer weather rather than specific seasons.
<b>Bags</b>	Each student will be expected to carry an appropriate bag for	No	Compulsory	All year round

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	school which can hold books and equipment. No small handbag or small backpack type bags. Bags must be able to hold minimum of an A4 folder / workbook including their 1:1 device			
<b>Lanyard</b>	Students must always wear their lanyard and ID card around their neck. (lanyard, ID card and holder).	No, initial ID cards issued for free when starting, replacement ones must be purchased from our online shop.	Compulsory	All year round

## ADDITIONAL DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS:

### JEWELLERY

Studded earrings only and a watch. A clear single small stud can be worn in nose piercings or a plaster worn over the piercing. No nose rings. No other piercings are allowed. Jewellery should be removed for practical subjects due to health and safety concerns. Earlobe stretchers and bars are NOT permitted. Religious jewellery can be worn but must be under clothing.

### HAIR & MAKEUP

Make up must be discreet and kept to a minimum, hair colour should be in the range of natural hair colouring. No extreme hairstyles or colours. No false nails/nail extensions. Nails should be short for health and safety and to allow students to carry out daily tasks. Students who come to school with nail extensions will be expected to remove/cut/file them down. Eyelashes should be a natural length and thickness.

Students who are not correctly uniformed will be expected to borrow Academy uniform from our Uniform HUB (if available). Uniform infringements will be reported home via the Arbor app students will be issued with a one day uniform card. All uniform infringements should be rectified in a timely manner. Repeated failures to attend school in the correct uniform may lead to more severe consequences. Students that arrive to school not in the uniform may be sent home to rectify or parents asked to bring the uniform into school.

Students on day trips will be expected to wear uniform unless they are told otherwise.

At Countesthorpe Academy we want our students to be “the best they can be” and look and feel smart. We want them to be proud of the community to which they belong. It is expected that students will dress smartly and take pride in how they look. In coming to the Academy, parents and carers agree to support our policy in ensuring your child is correctly dressed. Uniform must be worn at all times, including the journey to and from school.

Failure to comply with our uniform policy or repeated uniform infringements may result in us placing students on a uniform improvement report, uniform improvement contract or directing the uniform that maybe worn for school. For example students who chose to wear a skirt maybe directed to wear trousers only if they fail to comply with our policy etc.

## PE KIT

The following items are **compulsory** for all pupils unless indicated:

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Black T-shirt	Black round neck T-shirt with CA logo.	YES	Compulsory	All year round
Training Top	Long sleeved black training top or round neck jumper YR 7&8.	YES this is the only accepted out layer for PE.	Optional for year 7&8	All year round
CA logo PE hoody	Black or purple Countesthorpe Academy Logo hoody can be worn by students in year 9-11	YES this is the only accepted out layer for PE.	Optional for year 9-11	All year round
Black Shorts	Black Sports Shorts	No	Compulsory	All year round
Black Socks	Black Sports Socks	No	Compulsory	All year round
Black Training Bottoms	Black leggings or tracksuit bottoms.	No	Optional	We would recommend training bottoms for colder months
Trainers	A change of shoes from their regular school shoes for PE lessons	No	Compulsory	All year round

Aerosol deodorants/perfumes or air fresheners are not allowed. If deodorant is required a roll on or water based spray pump version is acceptable.

If for any reason your child does not have their PE kit or has a medical note explaining that they are unable to take part in the lesson, we are unable to make alternative provision. Our policy is similar to most secondary schools in that pupils who are not able to do PE are expected to change into their PE kit and join the PE group listening to the theory aspects and helping with duties as instructed by the teacher. This is also the same policy for outdoor lessons. It is therefore important that they have a coat and warm clothing to observe the lesson if they are outdoors.

If your child has forgotten their PE kit they will be expected to borrow spare kit from the PE department. This is washed regularly after each student use.

If your child has a medical condition that is likely to last for several weeks, please contact your child's PE teacher to explore arrangements that can be made in such exceptional circumstances.  
[pestaff@clcc.college](mailto:pestaff@clcc.college)

The Headteacher's decision is final.

Parents are reminded that the Academy's Governing Body and Headteacher retain the right to insist that students attend Countesthorpe Academy appropriately and sensibly dressed. They reserve the right to exclude students from activities where dress is considered unsuitable for health and safety reasons.

Unsuitable dress includes:

- Shorts, leggings, trousers which are not in line with the Uniform Policy, or short skirts and crop tops
- Unprotected footwear such as sliders, Crocs, open toed shoes.
- Earrings and other jewellery which could be caught and pulled when moving around the academy and during practical lessons such as PE, Science, Design and Technology, Construction, Hair and Beauty etc
- Platform shoes or high heel shoes which are dangerous on floors and steps

## ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT LIST

Finally, I would like to detail our Essential Equipment list. All students attending Countesthorpe Academy should have the following essential items of equipment for their lessons, preferably stored in a simple, clear pencil case.

- Pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener
- Purple pen
- Highlighter
- Scientific Calculator
- Geometry Set
- 1:1 Device – iPad (Y7-9) or Chromebook (Y10 & 11)
- Earphones/Headphones

We are **not** asking parents to send students into school with expensive Bluetooth/wireless ones (e.g. Apple AirPods). Our requirement is a simple, cheap and basic set of either earphones, or if uncomfortable, on-ear headphones that can connect to a computer, iPad etc using a 3.5mm audio jack.

Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child is in the correct uniform and equipment for school.

## HOW TO ORDER A SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Uniform can be purchased from the school uniform provider - [www.schoolwearsolutions.com](http://www.schoolwearsolutions.com)

Items with logos must be purchased from the listed supplier. Anything else can be purchased from other stores as long as they are within the policy. The Headteacher's decision is final.

## STUDENT ID CARDS

When a child starts at the Academy they will be issued with an ID Card and lanyard, which should be worn at all times. Your child is provided with this at the beginning of their time with us and should be kept safe as they will not be issued with a new one. Replacement Cards and/or Lanyards can be purchase online through [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

The ID card will allow students to:

- Pay for school lunches
- Book out library resources
- Use photocopiers
- Students can also purchase items of low monetary value such as pen, pencil, ruler etc.

Students must wear their ID card and lanyard at all times; it is part of their uniform.