



14 July 2021

Dear Parent and Carer,

I hope you and your families continue to be safe and well. As we approach the end of term we would like to share with you some key information.

End of this term:

As usual, school will finish at 12:35pm for students on the final day, Wednesday 28th July. The school canteen will be open at break and lunch time so all students will be able to have their lunch before they leave for the end of term.

Results Days for Year 11 and Year 13:

A-Level results day is **Tuesday 10th August** and GCSE results day is **Thursday 12th August**. On both days results can be collected from our Conference Centre on upper site. If this is not possible, students are advised to contact the school as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements.

Students in Year 11 who are staying on into the Sixth Form will be able to enrol on GCSE results day. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Sixth Form team. There will be plenty of staff available on the day and in the days following to support with post-results well-being. Further details of how to collect results, the JCQ appeals process and enrolment into Sixth Form (Year 11 only) will be sent to Year 11 and Year 13 parents and students shortly. We await further guidelines on the proposed autumn term exam series for students who may decide to sit exams that did not take place this summer.

Start of next term:

The start of the autumn term will see a phased return for year groups to enable the school to fulfil the government directive of mass testing all students prior to their return to school. Details of the mass testing process at George Spencer Academy will be shared with parents during the week beginning Monday 19th July by Mr Dakers, Assistant Principal. The details will include a timetable of when each year group will receive their first and second on-site lateral flow test as well as the date they will return to school.

Staff will be in school on **Tuesday 31st August** and **Wednesday 1st September** as these are INSET days.

Following the students' first lateral flow test the year groups will return to school as follows:

(This information is subject to change)

Thursday 2nd September: Year 7 first day back.

Friday 3rd September: Year 11 and Year 12 first day back.

Monday 6th September: Year 10 and Year 13 first day back.

Tuesday 7th September: Year 9 first day back.

Wednesday 8th September: Year 8 first day back.

Students must go to their form room on arrival to school on their first day back. We will inform students of their form rooms before the end of term. If your child forgets their form room over the summer break the information will also be available on our website. On their first day back, the students will spend the start of their morning with their Learning Managers (Period 1 teachers for Year 8 returning on a Wednesday), going over the logistics of their new timetable. They will also have an assembly before attending lessons. On a daily basis throughout the academic year, students should arrive to school from 8:20am onwards. Students will be marked as late after the bell sounds at 8:45am.

Uniform:

As we head into the new academic year, please do ensure you are familiar with our uniform expectations. There are no significant changes for September 2021 but we do want to ensure that all students begin the year looking smart in order to set the tone for everything else, this includes students wearing our uniform correctly. I would particularly draw your attention to piercings, false nails, hair colour and the footwear sections of our uniform expectations on our website and at the end of this letter. Students will be out of circulation until we can rectify any issues with uniform.

Thank you:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for all your support over the course of this academic year, it has made such a huge difference to have a supportive parent body as we have navigated through the second academic year of the global pandemic.

I wish you all an enjoyable, safe and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H Corbett', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mrs H Corbett
Principal

Uniform Expectations 2021-2022

	At GSA We Wear	At GSA We Do Not Wear
Blazer & tie	School black blazer with Academy logo. George Spencer Academy tie. <i>- At least 6 stripes showing on tie.</i>	Any item as a replacement for the blazer
Shirt or Blouse	Plain white collared shirt. <i>- Cotton or polyester, long or short sleeve, tucked in at the waist, top button done up.</i>	Polo shirt or T-Shirt Round/Grandad collar Coloured/logged tops/polo shirts underneath shirts
Trousers or Skirt	Black pleated skirt with Academy logo. <i>- Skirts should reach the finger tips, when arm down by your side.</i> Black loose fitting/boot cut school trousers, worn at the waist. <i>- Trousers should be plain style covering the ankle and the sock.</i> <i>- Trousers must touch the top of the shoe.</i> <u>Please see the Academy website for examples</u>	Denim Skirts without a logo Skirts that are rolled up Jean material trousers Fashion skirt/trouser Leggings/footless tights Skinny trousers, low rise trousers, slim fit, cropped, chino or other style trousers Tracksuit / Jogging bottom underneath school trousers
Jumper	Black v-neck woollen jumper (optional). <i>- With the GSA logo embroidered</i>	Plain jumpers or cardigans Hoodies, tracksuit tops or other fabric jackets
Top Coat	Plain black coat, warm and weather-proof. <i>- Coat should enable the blazer to be worn underneath. To be removed in lessons, registration and assembly.</i>	An extra jumper or hoodie instead of a topcoat Denim or Leather jackets Any type of fur or faux fur coat Body warmers / Gilets Hats or caps
Shoes	Plain black leather school shoe. <i>- Practical and safe</i> <u>Please see the Academy website for examples</u>	Trainer style or Trainers with a logo, boots, canvas shoes or leather Converse/Vans plimsoll black shoes Any logos
Socks, Tights	Plain black or white ankle socks. Black tights.	Leggings/footless tights, patterned tights Bright coloured or patterned socks
Jewellery and/or Accessories	Watch. One plain, flat ring. One 'charity' wristband. Plain black belt with trousers, if needed. Plain black belt.	Bracelets/necklaces Nail varnish, false nails, make-up, lip colouring, false eye lashes Fashion / other coloured belts Belts with a logo Tattoos, visual skin markings including henna
Piercings	For pierced ears. <i>- one pair of plain flat studs on the lobe of the ear only. These must be removed for PE. Piercings should be done during the summer holidays.</i>	Non-stud earrings/stretchers Facial/mouth /tongue piercings Multiple piercings in ears

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Hair	<p>Hair must be one natural colour. Headscarves should black or white in colour. <i>- They should be worn so the collar and tie can be seen, with the ends tucked in to conform to health and safety standards.</i></p>	<p>Unnatural coloured hair/dip-dyed hair Extreme haircuts, including undercuts Tramlines or shaven in designs to the hair, hair no shorter than grade 2 Hair accessories</p>
Physical Education	<p>Outdoor Kit: GSA rugby shirt, GSA ¼ zip top or red sweatshirt GSA black shorts or plain black unbranded shorts GSA tracksuit bottoms or plain black unbranded tracksuit bottoms GSA sports leggings or plain black unbranded sports leggings Plain black football socks White sports socks Boots (for Rugby and Football) Shin pads (for Football and Hockey) Gum shield</p> <p>Indoor Kit: GSA White t-shirt or plain white unbranded t-shirt. GSA black shorts or plain black unbranded shorts GSA tracksuit bottoms or plain black unbranded tracksuit bottoms GSA sports leggings or plain black unbranded sports leggings Plain black football socks or white sports socks Trainers</p>	<p>Hooded tops, non-GSA ¼ zip top Other t-shirts Jogging bottoms Shorts that are not black Branded items Items with visible logo PE kit underneath school uniform</p>

****Students who fail to comply with these expectations will receive an appropriate sanction****

Please see here the link for the uniform provider, this gives you access to all the specific GSA uniform:

<https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/product-category/george-spencer-academy/>

In addition:

- *Some shops / stores may sell items in the 'uniform' section, this does not mean they always meet the George Spencer Academy uniform expectations.*
- *Any items that do not meet the uniform expectations will be confiscated, it will be the responsibility of the parent / carer to collect these from the Academy.*
- *The Academy will be the final arbiter on what is deemed to be acceptable as uniform.*
- *In exceptional circumstances, where pupils are unable to wear correct Academy dress, parents are asked to provide a note for the Learning Manager to consider.*

If you require any further clarification or examples of items, please access these via the Academy website:

http://www.george-spencer.notts.sch.uk/images/itl_demo/doc/Uniform.pdf