

26th April 2010

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Dear Parent/Guardian

School Uniform

I am pleased to inform you that we now have an additional uniform provider, who is able to offer an alternative ordering process to accommodate parental needs. The company is called Brigade. They provide a mail order delivery service. Orders can be placed directly on the Brigade website, or via the link on the Academy website. If you prefer not to use the Internet, then you are able to place orders by telephone.

Brigade will also assist us with running an Academy Uniform Shop, under a Student Enterprise scheme. The details of this will be available shortly. It is anticipated that The Academy will keep a wide range of samples in most sizes, so that students can try for size, before they buy. Orders can then be placed with confidence by any means detailed above. The uniform shop will also have the capability of placing and receiving goods on your behalf.

From the attached uniform sheet you will notice that the boys summer shirt introduced last year has been removed. This garment was not very successful, with minimal uptake and did not promote the normal smart appearance of our students. It has been agreed in conjunction with The Parents' Council, that boys will continue to wear their white school shirts and ties for the summer, but are permitted to wear a short sleeve version. For those parents who purchased summer shirts last year, we have agreed they may continue to wear them for this summer 2010, so full use is made of them.

Changes have also been made to the P.E. Kit. The Academy recognises that these changes will filter through, over a period of time, for existing students as the need to buy replacement kit arises.

Longfield Wools continue to be a supplier of The Academy uniform, providing the local retail outlet. They have experienced considerable problems sourcing supplies during the current academic year. These supply issues have influenced the changes to the existing uniform. You will also notice that the jumpers are now from a new manufacturer and they have The Academy's badge on them instead of the coloured band around the neck, which caused unacceptable supply delays.

For your information I attach full details of our current uniform policy, together with supplier contact details and methods of ordering.

Yours sincerely

S Crocker (Mrs)
Academy Business Director
Leigh Academies Trust

THE LEIGH TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY
ACADEMY UNIFORM – BOYS
Only available from Longfield Wools and Brigade

Navy Blue Blazer	(With Academy badge on breast pocket)	Compulsory
Academy Tie	With College stripe	Compulsory
Plain Tailored Trousers	Black	Compulsory
White Shirt	(long or short sleeves)	Compulsory
Plain Socks	(white or black)	Compulsory
Plain Flat Shoes	No shoe may be above the ankle bone	Compulsory
BLACK only	Trainers are NOT allowed except for PE	

Navy Blue 'V' Neck Sweater	(With Academy badge)	Optional
Overcoats / Jackets	Should be black/navy blue with NO writing or commercial logos on them Denim and leather coats are NOT allowed	Optional

SPORTS UNIFORM – BOYS
Only available from Longfield Wools and Brigade

Sports top	(in College colour)	Compulsory
Outdoor Rugby Shirt	(in College colour)	Compulsory – is advisable as it is hardwearing and therefore suitable for rugby
Shorts	Black	Compulsory
Black Sports Jacket	(With College emblem)	Compulsory (for wet/cold weather)
Black Jogging Bottoms		Compulsory (for wet/cold weather)
Football / Rugby Socks	Black	Compulsory

Available from any Sports Retailers

Football Boots – Outdoor	Must have safety studs.	Compulsory for rugby and football
Trainers – Indoor	(With non-marking soles)	Compulsory
Shin Guards		Compulsory for football
Gum Shield	For certain sports	Compulsory for rugby

IMPORTANT NOTICES

JEWELLERY

Students are **NOT** allowed to wear jewellery. Rings are dangerous for many activities and therefore unsuitable for The Academy. Necklaces and bracelets are similarly unsuitable; however, an exception may be made for religious chains provided they are worn under the shirt. One pair of small stud earrings may be worn, one in each lobe. Tongue, Eye and Nose studs or rings are **NOT** permitted. Watches may be worn and handed to a teacher during certain activities such as P.E. The Academy is not responsible for the loss of any jewellery.

NO unusual hair styles, including tram lines or extreme colours, are permitted.

BAGS, Students must have a bag that is capable of holding an A4 folder. 'Just Do It' bags or similar are too small.

Longfield Wools: 25 Wakefield Street, St George's Centre, Gravesend, Kent

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Brigade: website - www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com

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Navy Blue Blazer	(With Academy badge on breast pocket)	Compulsory
Navy Blue Pleated Skirt	(Minimum skirt length = no shorter than 6 cms. (2½ ins) above the knee) (Maximum skirt length = calf length)	Compulsory
OR		
Black Tailored Trousers	(Flares, boot leggers, hipsters or lycra are NOT permitted)	Compulsory
White Blouse	With College logo	Compulsory
Black Lycra Tights	(Year 9 upwards may wear flesh coloured tights)	Compulsory
OR		
Plain White or Navy		
Ankle Socks	Knee high socks are NOT permitted	Compulsory
Plain Flat shoes	Maximum height = 3 cms (1 inch)	Compulsory
BLACK only	No shoe may be above the ankle bone Trainers are NOT allowed except for PE	Compulsory

Navy Blue 'V' Neck Sweater	(With Academy badge)	Optional
Overcoats / Jackets	Should be black/navy blue with NO writing or commercial logos on them. Denim and leather coats are NOT allowed	Optional

SPORTS UNIFORM – GIRLS

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Sports top	(In College colour)	Compulsory
Shorts Black		Compulsory
Black Sports Jacket	(With College emblem)	Compulsory (for wet/cold weather)
Black Jogging Bottoms		Compulsory (for wet/cold weather)
Football / Rugby Socks	Black	Compulsory
Outdoor Rugby Shirt	(Black with College badge)	Optional
Trainers – Indoor	Available from any Sports Retailers (With non-marking soles)	Compulsory

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MAKE-UP AND NAIL VARNISH

Only KS4 students (Year 9 upwards) are permitted to wear discrete make-up **BUT** nail varnish is **NOT** permitted.

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