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Dear Parents/ Carers

New Grace Academy Uniforms and P.E. kit for 2020/21

As you will have noticed the academy has changed its logo, this is in part to reflect the progress and achievements that the academy and its students have made over the years. It also embraces the new identity we have as part of Tove Learning Trust. To fully embed this stage in our continued progress, we have carried out a great deal of work with students about how to represent our identity.

This year we are rolling out a new uniform for the whole school that will incorporate our new school badge and make sure our uniform is kept current and fit for purpose. This will include new style ties, which will be different for lower (Yr7/8) and upper school (Yr 9/10/11), new blazers which will have our new badge embroidered on the pocket, and a new Nike design personalised sports kit for students.

We understand the increased economic burden new uniform can bring to a household. **With this in mind the academy will be supplying (free of charge) all students in Yrs 8-11, with a brand new tie and also a new sew on badge for any student planning on using their existing blazers next year.** There is nothing you need do about these items before September as they will be supplied to all pupils on their first day back after the summer holiday. We will also be offering a free, in-school sewing service to attach the new badges from September should you wish to utilise it.

The new PE kit will also be optional for Yrs 8-11 for next year and they can continue to wear their old P.E. kit if they choose to. However we have pushed our suppliers extremely hard to obtain what we feel is a very good price for professional sports equipment and we would encourage you to purchase it, especially as we have secured a heavily discounted price for the sports bundles (£45 for the shorts bundle and £55 for the track pant/legging bundle), both of which will result in a substantial saving for you compared to ordering each part individually.

All parts of the new uniform will be available to buy and order both online and instore. Items are now available to order online at: <https://mansuri.co.uk/collections/grace-academy>

The physical shops are hoping to be open around Mid-June, but this will be dependant on the Covid19 situation. This year they will also be offering a click and collect service where you can order online and collect in store if you wish. The location of the shop is: 163 Yew-Tree Lane, Yardley, B26 1AY (0121 784 4230)

The new sports kit can be personalised with your child's initials, which should usually be specified at time of order online or in store, but due to the Covid19 crisis this is no longer advised as personalised items cannot be returned if they don't fit. Therefore it is advised that you **do not** personalise your items at point of order but instead order them as they are, then once you are sure they are the correct size and the current Covid19 situation has eased, take them into the shop to get them personalised retrospectively free of charge. Personalisation is not an academy requirement but is there as an option should you wish to use it.

As always, we will work with you and support anyone who may be struggling with any of these new changes to our uniform. We are extremely proud of our achievements, our students and our community. We have received national recognition for the progress we have made, the uniform that students wear should be done so with respect and pride. We are very clear about our uniform expectations as we feel it adds to the positive learning environment within the academy as well as reflecting the values that we stand for (please see below a reminder of the uniform requirements).

Yours sincerely

Mr D Gelder

Principal- For and on behalf of Tove Learning Trust

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Trouser Uniform – Years 7 to 11

Blazers:	Black Grace Academy blazer <i>(must be school branded)</i>	
Shirt:	Plain white cotton shirts with a top button which should be fastened at all times (no polo-shirts).	
Ties:	Lower school (Yr7/8): Purple Grace Academy tie with school badge on display below the knot. <i>(must be school branded)</i> Upper school (Yr9/10/11): Purple and gold stripe with school badge <i>(must be school branded)</i>	
Pullovers:	Plain black V-neck – optional (no sweatshirts or hooded tops, no cardigans, no tank tops).	
Trousers:	Plain black (no denim/fashion trousers).	
Socks:	Plain black.	
Shoes:	Plain black shoes (no trainers, pumps, canvas shoes, boots or sports brands).	
Coats:	Winter coats or anoraks – optional. Plain in colour (no denim, hooded tops, tracksuit style tops or fashion jackets). No gloves or scarves to be worn inside the Academy.	
PE Kit:	<p>Compulsory</p> <p>Grace Academy personalised Nike training tee or the old white polo shirt (yrs 8-11) <i>(must be from the school supplier*)</i></p> <p>Black Nike shorts <i>(must be from the school supplier*)</i></p> <p>Black sports socks</p> <p>Non-marking sports shoes</p>	<p>Optional</p> <p>Black personalised long sleeve Nike crew top <i>(must be from the school supplier*)</i></p> <p>Black Nike tracksuit bottoms <i>(must be from the school supplier*)</i></p> <p>Black Nike Sports socks <i>(must be from the school supplier*)</i></p>

Students not participating in a PE lesson are expected to bring kit so they can assist in the lesson. It is recommended that all items are to be clearly marked with the student's name.

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Skirt Uniform – Years 7 to 11

Blazers:	Black Grace Academy blazer <i>(must be school branded)</i>	
Shirt:	Plain white cotton shirts with a top button that fastens (no polo-shirts or fashion blouses).	
Ties:	Lower school (Yr7/8): Purple Grace Academy tie with school badge on display below the knot. <i>(must be school branded)</i> Upper school (Yr9/10/11): Purple and gold stripe with school badge <i>(must be school branded)</i>	
Pullovers:	Plain black V-neck – optional (no sweatshirts or hooded tops, no cardigans, no tank tops).	
Skirt:	Plain black pleated/non-pleated of knee length (no fashion skirts).	
Socks/ Tights	Plain black No patterned or sheer tights.	
Shoes:	Plain black shoes (no trainers, pumps, canvas shoes, boots, sports brands or stilettos).	
Coats:	Winter coats or anoraks – optional. Plain in colour (no denim, hooded tops, tracksuit style tops or fashion jackets). No gloves or scarves to be worn inside the Academy	
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