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Dear families

We are looking forward to your child starting year 10 at Dixons Fazakerley Academy in August. I am writing to inform you of the details of our academy uniform expectations for Key Stage 4 (year 10 and 11) which are different to those for key stage 3. In order for our older students to have more autonomy and to have a suit which they can wear to interviews in the future, our Key Stage 4 students can select their own plain black, grey or navy suit. Specific details are in the attached appendices.

Please note the change to uniform for next year:

- All students must carry the new academy back pack with Dixons Fazakerley logo from the start of the new academic year. A new bag will be provided to your child free of charge for the start of the year.

We expect our students to meet our expectations of 100% correct uniform every day. At Dixons Fazakerley Academy we want our students to be successful and climb the mountain to university or a real alternative. Uniform is one of our six learning habits. We believe uniform is very important because it prepares students for the world of work, gives us pride in our academy and promotes equality. By helping your child to achieve our learning habit of perfect uniform every day you will be supporting your child and the academy in achieving our mission.

Our core values are Determination, Integrity and Respect and you can support your child to live these values by ensuring they have the correct uniform. We will ensure students are aware of our expectation that uniform is worn correctly at all times and we will encourage students to wear their uniform with pride in school and in the community.

The way students wear their uniform is just as important as what they wear. Equipment and personal items should be carried in the student's school bag, not in the pockets of the blazer as this damages the blazer over time and looks untidy. Skirts should be worn at the manufactured length, not rolled up. Mobile phones must be switched off and put away in the school bag. If phones are seen or heard they will be placed in the school safe until the end of the day. On the second occasion, the phone must be collected from the academy by an appropriate adult.

Students have the opportunity to correct their uniform by speaking to a member of the Mountain Rescue team before 8.29am each morning. A half hour same day correction will be given for incorrect uniform. Students who refuse to correct their uniform cross a red line and will be placed in isolation (Mountain Support) for the day.

Thank you for supporting your child to wear 100% correct uniform every day. Please see the attached appendices for a detailed breakdown of uniform expectations and illustrations of correct and incorrect items of uniform.

Yours faithfully



Mrs S Kokosalakis
Vice Principal



Key Stage 4 (KS4) Uniform Expectations

- Formal Suit jacket or blazer in choice of plain black, grey or navy blue.
- White shirt or blouse, no coloured garments are to be worn underneath the shirt.
- Academy striped tie (tie is optional for girls, they may choose to wear a blouse with no tie).
- Jumpers or cardigans should be black, grey or navy blue with a v neck to match the suit in a plain solid colour (optional item).
- Black tailored trousers - jeans / tracksuits / leggings / very flared, tight, knee length or trousers which gather at the ankle are not considered appropriate wear. Jeans are defined as trousers with patch pockets and rivets. Trousers should not trail on the floor.
- Skirts should be black, grey or navy blue, knee-length, straight, pleated or A line fit. **Tube skirts and mini-skirts are not allowed.** Pinafores should be knee length, plain black, grey or navy.
- Girls can opt to wear plain black shalwar kameez or tunic with a white shirt and with their blazer over the top.
- Hijabs, scarves, turbans, crowns and top knots, worn for religious reasons, must be plain black and well secured.
- Socks should be plain black, a small bow at the side is permitted. Socks worn with a skirt can be ankle or knee-length but not over the knee. Tights must be black opaque 40 denier or more.
- Shoes must be sensible and **entirely** plain black with no large badges or logos (for example Vivienne Westwood X Melissa shoes and similar are not acceptable), laces must be fastened and be plain black. Heels, boots (including Doc Marten boots) and trainers are not acceptable. Students wearing the wrong footwear will be asked to change into academy footwear.
- No jewellery is allowed, this includes facial jewellery or visible body-piercings. Plasters cannot be worn to cover piercings. Any student wearing jewellery will be asked to instantly remove it and it will be placed in the academy safe until the end of the day. The only exception to this is where there is a religious expectation, for example the Sikh Kara.
- **Smart watches are not allowed.**
- Make up, if worn, should be entirely discreet and natural. **False eyelashes are not allowed.**
- Nail varnish, false nails (gel nails, shellac, acrylic etc.) are **not allowed** at any time.
- Hair must be a natural colour and appropriate to a place of work with no unusual styles or colours, shavings or patterns.
- Students may be asked to tie hair back for health and safety reasons.
- Hair bands should be plain.
- Belts, if worn, should be plain black.
- The students' school bag should be the academy school back pack with Dixons Fazakerley logo.
- Outdoor jackets, jumpers, cardigans other than academy uniform, should not be worn at any time inside the academy.
- Hats, hoods and caps need to be removed before entering the building.
- The PE kit consists of a Trutex Akoa label black buttoned polo shirt with purple inserts featuring the academy logo, shorts and PE socks, in the same design.

Our approved uniform retailers are:		
Schoolwear by Lisa	72 Priory Road, Anfield, Liverpool L4 2RZ	0151 264 0700
Schoolwear by Lisa	275 East Prescott Road, Liverpool L14 2DB	0151 259 8277
Kids Kirby	29 St Chad's Parade, Kirkby, Liverpool L32 8UG	0151 548 9390
Brienda Ltd. Schoolwear	74 Muirhead Avenue East, Liverpool L11 1EL	0151 226 3333



