



# Ian Ramsey Church of England Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your support in helping to raising standards at Ian Ramsey Church of England Academy over the last academic year. We are extremely proud of the smart appearance of our pupils, however we recognise that standards of uniform could be ever better. Wearing a school uniform helps pupils to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance, it reduces distraction and makes the classroom a more serious learning environment. In addition, conforming to uniform expectations is a lifelong lesson: it ensures our pupils are prepared for the world of employment.

To avoid any confusion or misinterpretation, **you have asked if we can send you clear guidelines for acceptable standards of uniform from September**. We welcome your support in ensuring your son/daughter conforms to these requirements:

- Plain charcoal grey trousers, **not black**, not tight fitting and not containing any lycra. Girls may alternatively choose to wear charcoal grey trutex pleated skirts (**no other skirts are permitted**). The skirts must be of a **modest and decent length**, no higher than 10cm above the knee. Tights must be worn, they must be plain opaque and black.
- A plain white collared shirt that can be comfortably fully buttoned to the top. Blouses, fitted shirts and t-shirts are not permitted.
- Navy blue blazer with the Ian Ramsey CE academy logo.
- A full length Ian Ramsey tie which must cover the top shirt button and be tied to show the school badge.
- **Plain black leather or suede** shoes that are capable of being polished with no stripes, tags or badges. Fashion shoes such as Vivienne Westwood and Ted Baker are **not** appropriate. Please go to our website to see some images of some acceptable shoes. If you are still unsure if the shoes you have bought will be acceptable, you can bring the **unworn shoes** into the academy on Monday 4th September with the receipt and we can check them for you.
- Navy blue jumper with the Ian Ramsey Academy logo. (This is **optional** and is **not** to be worn instead of the blazer)
- Equipment – Pupils will require a bag big enough to carry their equipment and school books. They are expected to bring 2 pens, a pencil and a ruler as a minimum (other specialised equipment for some subjects maybe required). Pupils in Years 7 and 8 are also expected to bring a reading book to school, which they can borrow from the LRC.

In addition, can you please support us with the following issues:

- Jewellery – pupils are allowed to wear **one pair of small studs** (to be worn in their earlobes only) and a wristwatch. Any other jewellery is unacceptable and pupils will be asked to remove it. The school does not accept any responsibility for the loss of jewellery.
- Makeup – Pupils in Year **9, 10 and 11 only** may wear minimal, natural discreet make-up. Pencilled in eyebrows, false eyelashes, acrylic nails, contouring, bronzer, blusher etc. are **NOT** acceptable and pupils will be required to remove them. Fake tan is not permitted. Make-up will be confiscated from pupils if brought into school.

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- Mobile phones – pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones to school **at the discretion of their parents. All mobile phones must be switched off at the gate and placed in the pupil's bag.** It is the responsibility of the pupils to ensure their phone is kept safe as the school does **not** take any responsibility for the loss of any phone and we are not insured to replace lost phones. If a mobile phone is seen or used during the day, it will be confiscated and held in the safe until the end of the school day. Repeat offences will require parents to collect the phone.
- Hairstyles – pupils are only permitted to have natural hair colours and no extreme or unnatural colours are allowed. Hair styles must not be shorter than a No.2. Lines and patterns cannot be shaved in hair or eyebrows.
- Tattoos are not permitted.
- Energy drinks are not allowed. We are a “healthy school”, and, as such, energy drinks are not permitted and will be confiscated and disposed.
- Large amounts of sweets, biscuits, chocolate etc. are not permitted in the academy and will be confiscated and disposed.
- Chewing gum – is not permitted in school.
- We recommend roll-on or stick deodorants as aerosols are also not allowed in the academy due to the sensitivity of the fire alarms and it can also irritate anyone who has asthma. Any found will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

All uniform can be purchased from Elizabeth's Embroidery, Rawcliffes' or Motif 8.

This year, we have been working hard to improve the rewards culture in the school and communication with parents. From September, we will be using an app based system called Classcharts where parents will receive instant notifications of any rewards and sanctions issued to your child. You will also gain notifications of any homework and detentions set. Please see the attached letter for your unique code.

In September, parents of children in Years 7, 10 and 11 are invited to a curriculum evening, the dates are as follows:

- Year 10      Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 4.30-6.00pm
- Year 7        Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 4.30-6.00pm
- Year 11      Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 4:00-7:00pm

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your support and I am looking forward to working with you throughout next year. Should you have any questions, please contact your child's form tutor or the pastoral team in the first instance.

There have been so many highlights to the school year which you will be able to read for yourselves in our next 'Ramsey News'. We are going to print in early September so that we can include the amazing news stories that have unfolded in the last few weeks of term. You can also keep in touch with what our children and staff are up to through the school website, Facebook and Twitter feeds (<http://www.ianramsey.org.uk/>, <https://www.facebook.com/ianramseyceacademy>, <https://twitter.com/ianramseyce>)

We all wish you a happy and safe summer and look forward to welcoming all our pupils on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. Please note that Year 7 pupils and Year 11 prefects will need to be in school **by 8.35am** with Years 8-11 following at **11.00am**.

Yours faithfully



Mr B Janes  
Head of School