



# Head's Up (... date)

Welcome to our latest edition of Head's Up ...date!

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Christian Vision of *'Together to learn, to grow, to serve'* has been lived out so well, by our children and staff during these unprecedented times. However, restrictions have now all been lifted and we now doing our best to return at a normal school day. Thank you for your support while we had restrictions in place, like wearing PE kit to school on the day we the children had a PE lessons. All pupils are back in full school uniform and are now changing into the appropriate PE kit at school. As we reinforce the high standards that we have at Ian Ramsey I will again ask for your help, to ensure the staff can focus on the teaching and learning, rather than spend time asking pupils to wear their uniform correctly, or to remove jewellery, ear pods, excessive make up etc. Below is a reminder of the uniform at Ian Ramsey which I will be reminding pupils about, in next week's year group collective worships. Please could you remind your child of the uniform code and that they need to follow it at all times.

## Uniform

All items of uniform are available from Elizabeth's Embroidery, Richardson Road, Stockton (price list attached). Items listed below as "Academy..." are only available for purchase from Elizabeth's Embroidery. We recommend that you put your child's name in all items of uniform and PE kit.

## Girls Uniform

**Compulsory:** Academy blazer with badge.

An; Academy four button pleated kilt (must reach below the knee) or Academy pinafore (must reach below the knee) or Charcoal grey trousers (not skinny fit or lycra)

An; White collared shirt and academy tie or Academy blouse with logo on the collar

**Optional:** Academy knitted jumper, Academy knitted tank top, Academy knitted cardigan

## Boys Uniform

**Compulsory:** Academy blazer with badge, white collared shirt with academy tie, charcoal grey trousers (not skinny fit)

**Optional:** Academy knitted jumper, Academy knitted tank top

**Shoes:** Only plain black leather or leather-look shoes are allowed to be worn with the uniform. **No trainers, pumps or canvas/fabric/suede shoes will be allowed.** Fashion shoes or trainers such as Ted Baker/Nike/Vivienne Westwood are not appropriate for either our girls or boys.

## **Accessories**

1. A suitable outdoor coat should be worn to and from the Academy (denim and leather jackets are not permitted).
2. Jewellery: One pair of small plain ear studs in the earlobe and a plain watch only. For health and safety reasons, no other body piercing is permitted. Rings and bracelets of any type are not allowed.
3. Jewellery cannot be worn in PE lessons. This includes recently pierced ears (it is not acceptable to cover them with plasters). If you are getting your ears pierced, we recommend you have this done at the start of the summer holiday, rather than during term time.
4. The following are NOT allowed; tattooed eyebrows, nail varnish, acrylic nails, false eyelashes, tattoos and fake tan.
5. Years 9-11 are allowed minimal foundation but excessive make-up, such as eyeliner, mascara, coloured-in eyebrows, blusher, bronzer, toner, contouring, highlighter etc. should not be worn. Pupils will be expected to remove any of the above. Any make-up brought into the Academy will be confiscated and parents will be asked to collect it.

## **Hair Styles**

1. Non-natural hair colours are not allowed.
2. Hair styles/eyebrows must not have any lines and/or patterns. No extreme hair styles. Skin fades are permitted.
3. Oversized and brightly coloured hair accessories are not allowed, and pupils will be asked to remove them.
4. Head scarves must be plain navy blue or black.

## **Girls PE Uniform**

**Compulsory:** Academy polo shirt, Academy socks, trainers, football boots, shin pads

**Optional:** Academy skort, Academy shorts, Academy base layer, Academy tracksuit bottoms, Academy leggings, Academy hoody, Academy sports jacket.

Please note: a skort or shorts are required when representing school eg: netball tournaments

## **Boys PE Uniform**

**Compulsory:** Academy rugby shirt, Academy t-shirt, Academy shorts, Academy socks, trainers, football boots, shin pads.

**Optional:** Academy hoody, Academy sports jacket, Academy base layer

Our **uniform swap shop** is still available. This is hugely successful and as a result we plan to open it up again every month. We have received many items of pre-loved and new uniform that are free to a good home, a small charitable donation is optional. Should you have any items you wish to donate we will be more than happy to find them a new home. Thank you to those that have already donated. The smiles that you have put on the faces of those families that have received items from our swap shop are priceless. Please continue to donate if you can. We recognise that uniform can be expensive and especially as so many other essential services such as gas, electricity, food, petrol costs are spiralling out of control. Please email [enquires@ianramsey.org.uk](mailto:enquires@ianramsey.org.uk) if you would like to get access to our pre-loved uniform.



## Uniform and Standards



We expect all pupils to be wearing the correct [Ian Ramsey Academy uniform](#). We ask for your support, to ensure your child(ren) wear the correct school uniform. Any pupils who choose not to conform to our high expectations will be challenged and sanctioned. Parents or carers will be contacted in the first instance to resolve any issues. If you require financial support with uniform please contact our Deputy Head Teacher, Jayne Cook ([cookj@ianramsey.org.uk](mailto:cookj@ianramsey.org.uk)).

Please also see our [Behaviour Discipline and Exclusion Policy](#) on our website for further details about the Academy's high expectations.

## Mobile Phones/Air Pods/Smart watches

Mobile phones will need to be switched off and placed in the child's locker at the start of the day. If a mobile phone is visible, it will be confiscated. Any mobile phone which is confiscated will be placed in the school safe. We will contact parents/carers to collect it from the school at a suitable time. We do not allow the use of mobile devices in school. In the case of emergency and you need to contact your child during the school day, please ring our switchboard and we can pass on a message. This also avoids children needing to look at their phone during the school day, which could lead to a sanction. Air pods and smart watches must not be worn in school and will be confiscated if seen.

## Sanitary products

Should it be required, school has a free supply of products which can be discretely accessed by pupils through their Pastoral Manager.

## Toilets

If a pupil needs to use the toilet during a lesson, they will be escorted to the nearest facility by a member of staff. We successfully introduced this system this year. Pupils have plenty of time during the scheduled lunch and break times to access the facilities. Pupils are only allowed to attend the toilet during learning time if they have a medical pass or in the case of emergency.

## Nut-free school



To prevent any allergic reactions, which can be severe, may we remind you we are a nut-free school. Pupils and staff must refrain from bringing any nut-based products into the Academy.

## Change of details – Important!

If your personal details have changed; change of address, phone numbers, email addresses etc. can you please contact the school using Edulink to keep this information current.



**Ian Ramsey Academy is collecting humanitarian aid to help with the relief effort in Ukraine.**

**If you would like to support we are collecting the following items.**

Camping Mats - Sleeping Bags - First Aid Kits - Wound Dressings Blankets – Thermals - Hot Water Bottles – Flasks - Baby Food Nappies - Sanitary Products - Power Banks for Charging Phones - Back Packs - Dry Food - Pet Food

## A prayer of *peace*

Merciful God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine and their family members around the world. We ask that all those involved respond with wisdom and courage and that a peaceful resolution may be achieved. Lord, during these challenging times please lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust and lead us from hatred to love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen