



**Kettering Buccleuch Academy**  
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## School Uniform Information 2025/2026

Our school uniform supplier is Karl Sports

Order online at: [www.karlsports.co.uk](http://www.karlsports.co.uk)

Tel: 01536 601731

Email: [karlsports.kettering@gmail.com](mailto:karlsports.kettering@gmail.com)

Further information about how to order school uniforms can be found at [www.kba.uk/uniform](http://www.kba.uk/uniform)

### Pre-loved Uniform

We do offer pre-loved uniform in a variety of sizes. This is available from The Orchard. This is open at various times during the month. If you would like to know more, please email [enquiries@kba.uk](mailto:enquiries@kba.uk)

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## Primary Uniform

We are very proud of our uniform, which incorporates our four house colours.

The uniform expectations are set out below. Please take note of the items that are not allowed at the academy.

Please do not wash polo shirts with the fleece, as this could affect the brightness of the polo shirt.

Item	Compulsory or Optional?	Purchase From
House Coloured Polo Shirt	Compulsory	Karl Sports
Branded House Coloured Polo Shirt	Optional	Karl Sports
Black KBA Logoed Jumper or Cardigan	Compulsory	Karl Sports
PE Bag in House Colour	Optional	Karl Sports
Book Bag in House Colour	Optional	Karl Sports
House Colour/black PE polo shirt	Compulsory	Karl Sports
Gingham Dresses in your child's House colour (warmer months)	Optional	Any retailer
Black tailored shorts (warmer months)	Optional	Any Retailer
Black Trousers / Skirt	Compulsory – any retailer	Any Retailer
Black school shoes that can be polished	Compulsory – any retailer	Any Retailer
Black PE shorts	Compulsory – any retailer	
School branded PE hoodie or sweatshirt	Optional	Karl Sports

## Uniform Guidelines

- School appropriate black trousers or a black skirt must be worn avoiding extremes of fashion and be of an appropriate length (**Jeans, chino's, cords, not tight to the skin, stretch fabric, split designs, unnecessary decoration such as zips/jewels/glitter etc, leggings or hipsters are not acceptable**)
- Footwear - should be black school shoes that can and should be polished.
- Tights should be black. Socks should be black or white. Both tights and socks should be plain, not highly patterned.
- Jewellery - one plain stud in each ear lobe ONLY is allowed - no other piercings
- Hairstyles - the academy does not permit extreme hair styles or colours.
- Hair accessories - any hair ornaments such as hair bands or bobbles must be black or match house colours.
- Headscarves (e.g. hijabs) - these may be worn for religious reasons and should be plain black

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Hoodies
- Training shoes (apart from in PE lessons)
- Baseball caps
- Leggings
- Hats
- Denim
- Corduroy skirts and trousers
- Facial piercings
- Chewing gum

# Secondary Uniform

It is compulsory for all students in Primary and year 7-11 to wear appropriate Kettering Buccleuch Academy uniform. Sixth Form are expected to wear business dress as detailed below.

Please help your child adhere to the Kettering Buccleuch Academy school uniform policy by ensuring that the correct uniform is worn every day.

Although our Uniform policy does not explicitly detail gender neutral and non-binary uniform options, there is flexibility, and we will discuss your child’s needs on a case-by-case basis, please do contact the school to discuss this further.

All items are compulsory unless marked as optional

## Secondary Year 7 - 11

Item	Compulsory or Optional?	Purchase From
KBA blazer	Compulsory	Karlsports
Black trousers	Either trousers or KBA pleated skirt are compulsory	Any retailer
KBA pleated skirt		Karlsports
KBA House tie		Karlsports
KBA V-necked jumper	Optional	Karlsports
White formal shirt	Compulsory	Any retailer
Black polishable shoes	Compulsory  (No boots, trainers or other forms of footwear are allowed)	Any retailer
Plain black or white socks/tights	Compulsory	Any retailer

- Plain black belts should be worn through belt loops in trousers/skirts (optional)
- All shirts must be white and have a formal collar and top button. Open collar style blouses and polo shirts are not allowed. The top button must be done up and the tie clipped on. Shirts and blouses can be long or short sleeved. Shirts should be tucked in to trousers or skirts

Examples below:



## School Bag

An appropriate school bag, large enough to hold an A4 folder and other equipment (including a ChromeBook), must be brought to school every day. A rucksack is recommended.

## Shoes

Shoes must be all black, flat, polishable and formal in style. They must provide adequate support and protection. Skate shoes, canvas shoes or boots are not allowed. Any sports branded trainers are not allowed (for example Nike, Adidas, Puma, Donnay etc). Any canvas shoe such as Vans are also not allowed.

### Correct Shoes



### Incorrect Shoes



## Hair and Jewellery

Hair must be of single natural hair colour and style at the discretion of the school. This means no 'pattern cuts', shaved, dip dyed, ombre or excessively coloured hair. Hair bands, clips and slides must be plain and simple in style and be discrete.

The only jewellery allowed to be worn is: **One small stud for pierced ears in each ear lower lobe.** If a watch is worn, please be aware that smart watches are not allowed in any examination room.

No other jewellery is permitted (necklaces, rings, facial piercings, other ear piercings). Stretch earrings/spikes or any other kind of earring are not permitted. No other body piercings should be worn, including nose, upper ear, eyebrow or tongue. Discrete make-up only is allowed. Bright nail polish and acrylic/gel nails are not permitted in school and will need to be removed.

## Coats, Hats and Scarves

An outdoor coat is recommended. These must not be worn in the school building. Hoodies and denim jackets must not be worn at any time. It is not acceptable to wear a hoodie, cardigan or sweatshirt as a substitute for a coat.

## PE Kit - All

All logo PE Kit should be purchased from Karl Sports - alternative styles are not permitted.

Item	Compulsory or Optional	Purchase From
KBA sports polo shirt	Compulsory	Karlsports
KBA sports hoodie	Compulsory	Karlsports
Plain black training trousers, sports leggings, shorts OR skorts	Compulsory	Any Retailer
KBA sports zip rain jacket	Optional	Karlsports
3G suitable studded boots	These must have plastic moulded studs	Any retailer

## Sixth Form Business Dress

Sixth Form students at KBA are role models to the students in the rest of the academy and in addition to their outstanding behaviour, attitude and ethos, are also expected to set an example through their high standard of business-like dress and the way in which they present themselves.

### KBA Sixth Form Student Dress Code

To reflect our academic, attendance and punctuality expectations, Kettering Buccleuch Academy has the highest standards of student dress for our Sixth Form students

#### What we consider to be acceptable business dress



#### Business suit jacket or blazer (Boys and Girls)

Blazer / Jacket to be worn *on the way / on arrival to school*, when moving around the building and during formal occasions such as assembly and meetings



#### Collared shirt & tie

(Shirt must always be tucked in)



#### Fine-knit v-neck jumper or cardigan



#### Smart formal tailored trousers, knee-length dress or skirt



#### Formal shirt / blouse



Dark coloured formal footwear of suede, polishable leather or leather look

Headphones and mobile phones should not be visible, except within the Sixth Form areas



## Further details of the Sixth Form Dress Code are detailed on this page

*Lanyards must be worn at all times whilst onsite*

### Dress code expectations

Male	Female
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Smart suit consisting of tailored jacket and trouser.</li><li>• Ties/bow ties worn with a collared shirt</li><li>• Dark coloured polishable, leather look or suede shoes</li><li>• Jackets must be worn at all times when moving around the academy and in formal situations such as assemblies.</li><li>• Jumpers may not be worn without a jacket and may not be hooded</li><li>• Hair must be a natural colour and should not be extreme in style and only one piercing per ear</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tailored skirts/dresses (knee length)</li><li>• Tailored smart trousers</li><li>• Blouse, shirt or smart top</li><li>• Formal suit blazer/jacket. Jackets must be worn at all times when moving around the academy and in formal situations such as assemblies.</li><li>• Dark coloured polishable, leather look or suede shoes.</li><li>• Hair must be a natural colour</li><li>• Only one piercing per ear</li></ul>

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sheer, low-cut tops, crop tops, off the shoulder tops or tops with thin straps</li><li>➤ Shorts</li><li>➤ Leggings or jeggings</li><li>➤ Over-sized brand names, slogans or logos</li><li>➤ Hoodies/Track suits</li><li>➤ Denim</li><li>➤ Tight or revealing outfits</li><li>➤ Soiled, frayed, ripped or faded clothing</li><li>➤ Stiletto heels/Trainers/canvas shoes including Converse or skater shoes</li><li>➤ Ugg boots, flip flops or casual sandals such as Birkenstock</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Facial piercings are not allowed</li><li>➤ Hats of any kind (in the academy)</li><li>➤ Extreme hairstyles</li><li>➤ Sunglasses</li><li>➤ Headphones and mobile phones, except in 6th Form areas</li><li>➤ Coats must not be worn inside the academy building</li><li>➤ Clothing for specific lessons, such as PE should not be worn in public areas of the school. Students should change before attending other lessons.</li><li>➤ Visible tattoos</li></ul>
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As always, it remains at the discretion of the Sixth Form team regarding acceptable standards of dress. Those students, who do not meet the Sixth Form dress code policy can expect to be sent home to change. If you would like clarification regarding a particular item of clothing before you purchase it, please feel free to email [sixthform@kba.uk](mailto:sixthform@kba.uk) and a member of the team will get back to you.

We look forward to welcoming all Sixth Form students in September wearing smart, business attire. In the meantime