



## Uniform 2024-25-Change to Skirt Expectations

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, it is understandable that many parents and students want to prepare for the one ahead. There are already adverts on television, online and in shops promoting deals on uniform and stationary. It is therefore important we support you to make correct and appropriate choices to ensure all student uniform meets the expected standard and families do not waste their money on items that may need replacing if they fall outside the standard.

At Corby Business Academy we believe a smart uniform and appearance is very important as a reflection of the high standards we promote; it also supports our ambition to support the transition to adulthood and the world of work. Upholding exemplary standards of uniform, shows students are ready for the school day and uniform is checked daily by our tutor teams. We will continue to follow up relentlessly to correct any infringements.

To support this process, we are always looking for ways to remove barriers and support parents and students alike. This year together with many other schools we have faced the challenge of very short skirts being a popular stocked item and frequently worn to school. As I'm sure you can appreciate this is an issue that is difficult to achieve consistency with. We have therefore made the decision to move to an Academy skirt. If students wish to wear a skirt from September it will need to be purchased from our uniform supplier Karlsports. Suitable trousers can still be purchased from all retailers.

Supporting financial circumstances is also a key factor in this small change. The adoption of this approach eradicates the unfortunate circumstance of when parents or carers experience additional expense, when having to repurchase skirts, which are hard to source from high street retailers.

All other uniform expectations remained unchanged and can be found on our website via the link below.

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Some common issues that we will continue to robustly challenge are listed below:

- Students wearing trainers rather than appropriate school shoes. These are only permitted for brief periods when there is medical evidence provided by a parent.
- Students wearing jogging bottoms or leggings rather than trousers.
- Students not having their student card or year group lanyard. The expectation is that these are worn throughout the school day.

If you wish to discuss further then please feel free to contact me via email at [kerry.prior@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:kerry.prior@corbybusinessacademy.org). We look forward to working in partnership with you to secure the highest standards of uniform together next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

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