

UNIFORM POLICY

POLICY ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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Look smart, work smart: Uniform at GWA

At GWA we believe that students work best and achieve more when their uniform is comfortable, functional and smart.

Uniform: Early Years

- Regulation light blue polo shirt with GWA logo; no visible shirt should be showing underneath
- Regulation GWA navy blue shorts or trousers for boys
- Regulation GWA navy blue skorts, shorts or trousers for girls
- Regulation GWA navy blue sweater, GWA zipped fleece, GWA representative house jumper (optional)
- Black or white socks
- Students can wear trainers/sneakers or other shoes that have a back. Open-toed shoes are not allowed. Shoes with cleats (football shoes) are not allowed. Shoe colour should be conservative
- No jewellery or makeup, including nail varnish can be worn
- Visible body piercings and/or tattoos are not acceptable
- A large water bottle

Uniform Grades 1-10

- Regulation blue shirt with GWA logo, collars buttoned up; no visible shirt should be showing underneath. Shirts to be tucked in at all times
- GWA navy blue shorts for primary boys. Regulation GWA navy blue trousers for secondary boys. Students in Grades 6-8 will be permitted to wear shorts during the first term but will be required to wear long trousers when they return from the Winter (December) break
- Black belts, if needed
- Regulation GWA navy blue skirts, skorts or trousers for girls
- Regulation GWA navy blue sweater, GWA zipped fleece, GWA representative house or sport jumper (optional)
- Black or white socks for Primary students. Black socks for boys, black socks or no socks for girls in Secondary
- In Primary, students can wear trainers/sneakers or other shoes that have a back. Open-toed shoes are not allowed. Shoes with cleats (football shoes) are not allowed. Shoe colour should be conservative
- In Secondary, black shoes with no other colours showing.
- In Secondary, GWA tie (boys) or GWA scarf (girls). Scarves and ties will not be worn at all by Primary students
- Only discrete jewellery (minimal stud earrings, simple necklaces or bracelets)
- Natural makeup only
- Natural nail varnish can be worn
- Visible body piercings and/or tattoos are not acceptable
- A large water bottle

Business Dress: Years 11 and 12

Our Grade 11 and 12 students are both role models for the Academy, and ambassadors for GWA. Attire worn to the Academy should be in keeping with both these roles.

- A blazer or GWA Senior School jacket is required as the outermost layer of clothing for girls and boys
- Suit style trousers for boys and tailored trousers or knee length skirts for girls
- A business style shirt or blouse for girls
- Black or single colour dark shoes (no other colours showing) made from predominantly leather upper material with either a lace, buckle or Velcro fastening mechanism. The sole or rise of the shoe should be no more than 3cm. Shoes must have a solid back and enclose the toes
- Socks which match the trouser
- A large water bottle

Physical Education (PE) Uniform and Clothing

Students must wear the appropriate uniform and specific shoes for PE classes, including swimming, as per the Academy uniform requirements.

PE uniform (Grades PreK - 12)

- Polo shirt in GWA branded uniform in House colours of: red (Sina), green (Zuhr), yellow (Battuta) and blue (Razi)
- Shorts are GWA branded uniform in House colours
- GWA Joggers or leggings are permitted
- Sports Trainers
- Secondary: blue or black swimwear (one piece for girls)
- Primary: blue, black or personal swimwear (one piece for girls)

The PE uniform in PreK to Grade 5 may be worn all day on PE and swimming days. Please ensure that all Academy clothing is clearly labelled with the student name. Secondary students are expected to change into and out of PE uniform for every PE class (even at the beginning or end of the day). Please ensure that all Academy clothing is clearly labelled with the student name.

Purchasing Uniform

The specified uniforms for Academy wear are available at THREADS Uniform Shops in Dubai. THREADS Motor City (Tel: +971-4-429-1360). Students must wear only uniform items during Academy hours. If a student arrives at the Academy not in regulation attire, parents will be contacted and may be required to bring in missing uniform pieces and, or be, subject to consequences.

Appendix 1: Early Years

	Boys	Girls
Top	GWA light blue polo shirt	GWA light blue polo shirt
Bottom	Navy blue formal trousers OR Navy blue shorts Skinny trousers, jeans or tracksuit material are not permitted	Navy blue formal trousers OR Navy blue skort Skinny trousers, jeans or tracksuit material are not permitted
Cool weather options	GWA sweater GWA zipped fleece GWA representative jumper	GWA sweater GWA zipped fleece GWA representative jumper
Socks	Black or white socks	Black or white socks
Shoes	Students can wear trainers/sneakers or other shoes that have a back Open-toed shoes are not allowed Shoes with cleats (football shoes) are not allowed Shoe color should be conservative	Students can wear trainers/sneakers or other shoes that have a back Open-toed shoes are not allowed Shoes with cleats (football shoes) are not allowed Shoe color should be conservative
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No jewellery is permitted A large water bottle needed each day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No jewellery is permitted A large water bottle needed each day

Appendix 2: Primary

	Boys	Girls
Top	GWA formal blue shirt – tucked in	GWA formal blue shirt - tucked in
Bottom	Navy blue formal trousers OR Navy blue shorts, cut on the knee Skinny trousers, jeans or tracksuit material are not permitted	Navy blue formal trousers OR Navy blue skirt or skort, cut on or below the knee Skinny trousers, jeans or tracksuit material are not permitted
Cool weather options	GWA sweater GWA zipped fleece GWA representative jumper	GWA sweater GWA zipped fleece GWA representative jumper
Socks	Black or white socks	Black or white socks
Shoes	Students can wear trainers/sneakers or other shoes that have a back Open-toed shoes are not allowed Shoes with cleats (football shoes) are not allowed Shoe color should be conservative	Students can wear trainers/sneakers or other shoes that have a back Open-toed shoes are not allowed Shoes with cleats (football shoes) are not allowed Shoe color should be conservative
Belt	Black belt (optional)	Black belt (optional)
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only discrete jewellery, including nail varnish can be worn • Visible body piercings and/or tattoos are not acceptable • Hair should be neatly styled • A large water bottle needed each day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only discrete jewellery, including nail varnish can be worn • Visible body piercings and/or tattoos are not acceptable • Hair should be neatly styled • A large water bottle needed each day

Appendix 3: Grade 6-10 Uniform Guidance

	Boys	Girls
Top	GWA formal blue shirt – tucked in	GWA formal blue shirt
Bottom	Navy blue formal trousers Boys in Grades 6-8 may wear shorts, cut on the knee, from September until December Skinny trousers, jeans or tracksuit material are not permitted	Navy blue formal trousers OR Navy blue skirt cut on or below the knee. OR Girls in Grades 6-8 may wear skorts cut on or below the knee Girls in Grades 6-8 may wear shorts cut on or below the knee, from September until December Skinny trousers, jeans or tracksuit material are not permitted
Cool weather options	GWA sweater GWA zipped fleece GWA representative jumper	GWA sweater GWA zipped fleece GWA representative jumper
Socks	Black	Black
Shoes	Black with no other colours showing	Black with no other colours showing
Belt	Black belt (optional)	Black belt (optional)
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only discrete jewellery • No makeup, including nail varnish can be worn • Visible body piercings and/or tattoos are not acceptable • Hair should be neatly styled • A large water bottle is needed each day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only discrete jewellery (minimal stud earrings, simple necklaces or bracelets) • Natural makeup • No nail varnish can be worn • Visible body piercings and/or tattoos are not acceptable • Hair should be neatly styled • A large water bottle is needed each day

Appendix 4: Grade 11 and 12 Business Dress Guidelines

Students in Grades 11 and 12 are required to wear business dress; this is an important step towards preparing them for life after school. Our Grade 11 and 12 students are both role models for the Academy and ambassadors for GWA, attire worn to the Academy should be in keeping with both these roles. Students are expected to maintain a high standard of appearance at all times and to adhere to the Academy rules regarding the dress code. Clothing must be practical, comfortable and modest.

	Boys	Girls
Top outermost layer	Blazer OR A formal matching suit jacket in a solid colour or subtle pattern OR GWA Senior School Jacket	Blazer OR A formal matching suit jacket in a solid colour or subtle pattern OR GWA Senior School Jacket
Top	Business style shirts. Conservative stripes are permitted A jumper or sweater vest may be worn under the jacket in cooler weather	Business style shirt. Tops should be professional and conservative in a style with sleeves that extend onto the arms A jumper or sweater vest may be worn under the jacket in cooler weather
Bottom	Navy blue formal trousers OR High-quality tailored trousers in solid colours or subtle patterns that appear solid from a distance Skinny trousers, jeans or tracksuit material are not permitted	Navy blue formal trousers OR High-quality tailored trousers in solid colours or subtle patterns that appear solid from a distance OR Formal fabric skirt cut on/below the knee Skinny trousers, jeans or tracksuit material are not permitted Skirts with high slits, ruffles or billows are not permitted
Tie	The GWA tie must be worn at formal Academy events	
Socks	Socks should match the trouser	Socks should match the trouser or skirt If stockings are worn, they should be neutral or black

Shoes	<p>Black or single colour dark shoes (no other colours showing) with predominantly leather upper material with either a lace, buckle or Velcro fastening mechanism. The sole or rise of the shoe should be no more than 3cm. Shoes must have a solid back and enclose the toes.</p> <p>Shoes not permitted: boots, flip flops, sandals, canvas shoes, suede shoes, patterned shoes, and any other colour leather style shoes other than black, dark grey or dark brown.</p>	
Other	<p>Hair should be neatly styled</p> <p>Jewellery must be discrete and not disrupt learning</p> <p>No visible body piercings or tattoos</p> <p>If worn, facial hair should be well-groomed and workplace appropriate</p> <p>If worn, cologne/body spray must be lightly applied</p> <p>A large water bottle is needed each day</p>	<p>Hair should be neatly styled</p> <p>Jewellery must be discrete and not disrupt learning</p> <p>No visible body piercings or tattoos other than 1 stud earring in each lobe</p> <p>Accessories should not be distracting or disruptive to lessons</p> <p>If worn, nail polish should be transparent or light-coloured, long and false nails are not permitted.</p> <p>If worn, makeup must be light</p> <p>If worn, perfume/body spray must be lightly applied</p> <p>A large water bottle is needed each day</p>

Students representing GWA at a formal event may be asked to wear the following by the Divisional Principal:

Boys: Navy blue blazer, navy blue trousers, white shirt and GWA tie, OR navy blue suit, white shirt and GWA tie.

Girls: Navy blue blazer, navy blue trousers or skirt, white blouse and GWA scarf, OR navy blue suit, white blouse and GWA scarf.