



Uniform Changes - A Reminder

As reported in News Weekly on Friday 23rd May 2008, following consultation with parents and students over the past year the Governing Body has agreed that the current existing blazer and tie requirement for students in Years 7-11 will be optional from September 2008. Instead, the new uniform for all High School students in Years 7-11 will consist of:

- WLA pale blue polo-shirt with Academy logo (available only from the Academy Uniform Shop)
- WLA crew-neck navy sweatshirt with Academy logo (students who have the current v-neck version will be able to wear their old one until a new crew-neck one needs to be purchased only from the Academy Uniform Shop)
- Plain grey tailored school trousers/skirt (these can be purchased from many different retail outlets)
- Low heeled black leather polishable shoes (school shoes must not be canvas, rubber or suede)
- Plain dark grey school socks (these can be purchased from many different retail outlets)
- Head scarves/turbans – any head scarf or turban that is worn for religious/cultural reasons must be plain black or white in colour

• Hair scrunchies/hair bands/slides/clips – if these are required to keep the hair tidy throughout the school day they must be black in colour

• Year group lanyard bearing student ID card in holder (each student will be provided with their first card, holder and lanyard by WLA. If lost or damaged a replacement will have to be purchased by the student at a cost of £5 per card and £2 per lanyard)

N.B. A new style navy High School PE/Sports sweatshirt will also be available should you wish to purchase one, although the existing ones can still be worn for PE lessons and training.

Existing High School students who wish to continue wearing the old High School uniform of Academy blazer, white shirt with stiff collar and Academy tie with single dolphin logo can do so from September 2008 until they want to change to the new WLA pale blue polo shirt but this old-style uniform must be worn correctly and in full without any substitutions or omissions.

Further details of the Uniform Shop extended opening times this term and during the summer holidays are below and via the new Parents' Handbook which will be mailed home in late July.

High school uniform shop

During the summer holidays the High School Uniform Shop opening times will be:

Wednesday 23rd July	10am – 3pm
Thursday 24th July	10am – 3pm
Wednesday 30th July	10am – 8pm LATE NIGHT OPENING
Thursday 31st July	10am – 3pm
Wednesday 6th August	10am – 3pm
Thursday 7th August	10am – 3pm
Wednesday 13th August	10am – 3pm
Thursday 14th August	10am – 3pm
Wednesday 20th August	10am – 3pm
Thursday 21st August	10am – 3pm
Wednesday 27th August	10am – 8pm LATE NIGHT OPENING
Thursday 28th August	10am – 3pm

The Uniform Shop is located in the Academy Main Reception.

Due to the change in the High School Uniform from September 2008 please make sure that you leave plenty of time to order any items of uniform that may not be in stock so that your child has the full uniform for the start of September. Placing an order in the middle of July will ensure time to have it made and delivered ready for you to collect in advance of the start of the new term.

Term Time Uniform Shop Opening Hours

During Term Time the Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 3.30pm – 5 pm

Progress Day - Friday 20th June

Appointments for Progress day were posted out and should be with you by now. We have made every effort, where slips have been returned, to book the most convenient time for your appointment and to ensure that if you have more than one child at the academy the appointments are close together.

This is an important day in our calendar when you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their Form Tutor. You will also be able to collect their full written/interim report for the year.

Your child has been set a substantial piece of work for Mathematics, English and Science. This work should be brought in to the Academy on Monday 23rd June and handed in to their subject teachers for assessment.

We look forward to seeing you at Progress Day on the 20th June 2008. You and your child should attend the appointment together, entering the building by the main reception. There will be no parking on site. If you require disabled access please contact the Academy in advance so that it can be organised.

SCIENCE CORNER WITH PROFESSOR WEEKLY



Good Morning Class!
Time for your weekly quiz again!
As always get your answers into Mr Gaza by Wednesday for your chance to win a fantastic prize at the end of term!

1. Movement of electric charge around a complete circuit
2. English astronomer who was first to calculate the orbit of the comet that is named after him
3. Visible form of energy
4. An animal (like humans) that can eat plants and meat
5. Change state from liquid to gas
6. An organic catalyst - speeds up chemical reactions
7. Energy from the moon's gravitational attraction for the oceans



Your clue for this week is:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
C	H	L	O	B	E	T

GOOD LUCK!

Last week's answers: 1 herbicide 2 alkali 3 newton 4 drag 5 speed

Sports Day 2008



West London Academy's annual Sports Day was held on Wednesday 11th June at Perivale Sports Track.

Students took part in events such as 100m, 400m, Javelin, Shot Put and many more. Even the staff got involved in a highly competitive lime and spoon race! Competition was fierce yet everyone was gracious in victory and defeat and a wonderful time was had by both staff and students.

Congratulations to everyone who took part!



Summer Allergies

Could parents whose children suffer from allergies support/aid their suffering by giving their children antihistamine tablets now and throughout the summer especially while the pollen count is high and hayfever is becoming a problem. Additional support via eye drops is recommended as well if the tablet alone is not sufficient.

Also could parents please ensure that their children have up-to-date emergency parental contact numbers in their planners.



Consultation with students – PE Changing Rooms

You asked for a safe to put your belongings into in the changing rooms.

We listened to you about this a long time ago and we have safes that you can use to put your lanyards, money in. Remember though, as mobile phones are banned from school we will not accept these.

You asked for there to be more room in the changing rooms.

We have been looking into this and are in consultation with the government about creating additional facilities with more changing rooms.

You asked that your uniform remains safe.

We have suggested you put everything in your bags so that we can stop

opportunists / practical jokers taking it.

Also, we have looked at the whole uniform issue altogether so that there are not so many articles. From September we have changed it to a simpler uniform. Remember also that all of your items should be labelled so that if they do get lost then we can return them to you.

You have asked that your money remains safe.

We have looked at this and in addition to the safe we are going to be trialling something called 'Parent pay' in which parents can use new technology to pay for things at the Academy. This will mean that you will not need to carry money with you since it will all be loaded on to your card.

You asked that the door is locked in the changing rooms.

All of the PE staff have been reminded

about this because they understand that you are anxious about this.

You asked if we could get lockers.

We are looking into this but, as you can imagine they are expensive and there is not a huge amount of room in the changing rooms. Please be patient while we explore this further.

You asked that the students tell on thieves.

We absolutely want this to happen, but we need your help about finding ways that this can be done so students do not feel frightened to come forward.

What next then?

We would love to set up a group of a small number of students who will help us look into the issues further and in more detail. If you are interested in joining and getting your voice heard please let Ms Thomas know.