

Ethos

At Azhar Academy Girls School, we believe that the school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the Islamic ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. We are committed to rigorously enforce the statements of this policy as we sincerely believe that a positive and carefully designed uniform for pupils can instil pride in their school; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. Above all, we believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

Aims

We expect parents to agree that they will do all they can to ensure that their daughter complies with the school uniform requirements, and is in full uniform not only in school, but also on her journey to and from school.

Our aim is to have all our students looking as smart as possible and representing a positive image of Islam at all times. We ask parents to make sure that their children's uniform is clean and neatly ironed and their shoes polished and that they do not leave home in the morning wearing non-uniform or proscribed items.

Where a pupil is not adhering to school uniform policy, the school will be considerate and discreetly try to establish why not. We understand that there may be good reasons why a pupil is not attending school in the correct uniform. For example, their uniform may have been lost, stolen or damaged. However, it remains the parents' responsibility to ensure that the school management is made aware of the reason via email for occasional non-compliance with the policy and assurances are given that compliance with the policy will be achieved the next day.

Furthermore, if parents require the policy to be varied to meet the temporary or permanent medical needs of an individual child, they must request so in writing, via email and in advance to the Headteacher, along with a specific medical note suggesting the same from a consultant or doctor.

The regular AAGS school uniform is:

- Navy blue ankle-length abaya with embroidered school logo
- Navy blue or black formal trousers
- Black school scarf (no tassel, sequins, edgings); headscarves should fall below the bosom and must always be fastened with a scarf pin and black under cap
- Black low-heeled formal shoes (or boots, if required, in winter)
- Black/navy socks
- Navy blue, plain, school cardigan (no fancy buttons or decorative elements)
- Navy blue or black coat (for use outside the school premises, such as on the way to the PE hall or on educational trips).

Pupils are also expected to wear this school uniform on all educational trips. Trainers are allowed, depending on the trip organised.

The AAGS PE uniform is:

- Navy blue loose full-length bottoms
- White/navy blue full-sleeved, knee-length top
- Navy blue scarf (fastened without a pin)
- Trainers/plimsolls- only to be worn during PE lessons
- Black/navy socks

The AAGS dress code for a non-uniform day is:

- Tops should be non-transparent, loose, full-sleeved and knee-length
- Trousers should be non-transparent, loose, formal and ankle-length
- Shoes must be low-heeled and formal- strappy sandals and peep toes are not allowed
- Jeggings/leggings are not allowed as an outerwear

Whether pupils arrive and leave school by private transport or not, they **MUST** wear their abaya over their day clothing, regardless.

NB: Hijab buns are against our Uniform & Appearance policy, and hence, not allowed in school.

Niqaab

Girls choosing to wear a niqaab and confirmed by parents/guardians in writing that they do wear niqaab may wear niqaab in presence of a male on school premises.

Make-up/Perfume

No form of make-up (nail polish, fake nails, henna tattoos, shiny, tinted lip balm/gloss, false lashes, mascara, eyeliner) or perfume is allowed to be worn or to be brought into the school premises.

Jewellery/Piercings

No kind of jewellery and/or piercings are allowed to be worn during the school day, whether inside the school or outside it. If necessary, only one pair of small stud-type non-sharp earrings/nose stud may be worn.

Sanctions for non-compliance

It is of paramount importance for parents to ascertain that their daughter(s) do not leave home for school except in school uniform.

Students who are not in uniform will not be allowed to enter the classroom and/or exam room or to go on an educational visit. If a student is found to be in breach of the above uniform policy, their parents will be called instantly and requested to drop her uniform off to school immediately. Only when the student is in her correct uniform will she be allowed to enter the classroom. This includes the headscarf, abaya, trousers, socks and shoes.

If a student is found to be wearing make-up or jewellery of any kind, including non-permitted earrings and nose piercings, they will be asked to remove it immediately and hand the jewellery over to a member of staff.

In line with our policy, all thus confiscated items are returned at the end of the term following the one in which it was confiscated.

If a student is wearing perfume on her uniform, parents will be called immediately and required to drop off a non-perfumed pair of the garment immediately.

Any breach of the Uniform & Appearance policy, including forgetting to wear the correct uniform, wearing make-up, perfume or jewellery etc. will result in one referral being made against the student in the behaviour register.

For persistent breaches of this policy, sanctions from the school's Behaviour and Exclusions policy will be consistently applied, including and up to suspension, even if no other form of poor behaviour is demonstrated by that student.