



Wigston Academies Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your children had a happy and relaxing summer break and are looking forward to the start of a new year.

We would like to remind you that for their first day back Wigston Academy students need to be in full school uniform and not their PE kit. Below are the return times and dates for individual year groups:

Year 7	Tuesday 30th August at 8.35am—2.55pm
Year 8	Wednesday 31st August at 10am—2.55pm
Year 9	Wednesday 31st August at 10am—2.55pm
Year 10	Wednesday 31st August at 10am—2.55pm
Year 11	Wednesday 31st August at 8.35am—2.55pm
Year 12	Thursday 1st September at 8.45am—2.55pm
Year 13	Tuesday 30th August at 9am—12pm Induction Day Wed 31st Aug - Home Learning Thurs 1st September - Home Learning Friday 2nd September at 8.35am—2.55pm

Entrances

On their return to school students should access the building via the following entrances:

Year 7 - Site A Main door

Year 8 - Canteen

Year 9 - Side Atrium

Year 10 - Maths fire escape and top atrium

When leaving all students can exit using the nearest available doors.

Bikes

If your son/daughter cycle to school it is essential that they have and use a bike lock.

- At Wigston College bikes can be locked up in the bike shed at the side of the College or in the Year 11 bikes shed, which is located behind gates locked between 8.30am and 2.55pm
- At Wigston Academy (Years 7 – 10) bikes can be locked up at the bike stands at the side of Site A, these are then kept behind locked gates during the school day from 8.30am to 2.55pm, or the area at the front of the Academy which is covered with CCTV
- Year 11 students can lock their bikes up in the bike shed at Wigston College, which is located behind locked gates during the school day from 8.30am to 2.55pm

However, given the number of after school activities and clubs that are held across the campus including external lettings, these gates are sometimes open after school. Ideally lock your bike during the school day behind the gated area.

The police further advise:

- Lock your bike with your own lock, one lock for each bike
- Make sure the lock is a D lock or lock that is not easily cut – the police website will provide more advise
- Insure your bike, it is unlikely that a bike will be insured on a normal household policy, even if it says other belongings. Bikes often need separate insurance.

The Trust is unable to insure bikes left on campus through its own insurance.

Wigston Academy Uniform Policy

We have always been mindful of the cost of school uniform and would like to reassure you that we continue to respond to and follow the latest guidance.

Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform must be worn as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Blazer – see below ○ Tie (Year 7 & Year 8 Junior clip-on tie, Year 9, 10 & 11 Senior self-tie) ○ Shirt tucked in ○ Trousers, not jeans ○ Skirt – See below ○ All black footwear
Blazers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blazers displaying the school badge are part of the School uniform and should be worn at all times, unless directed by a member of staff or during social time.
Skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skirts are to be knee-length, of a traditional style and made of standard school skirt fabric. The following are not allowed: Lycra skirts, netted skirts, denim skirts, tight skirts, skirts with any patterns, skirts with rivets or frills or skirts which follow a current trend
Trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trousers are to be tailored and of a traditional style, made of standard school trouser fabric. The following are not allowed: jeans, denim trousers, trousers with rivets, trousers with low waist, trousers which are tight on the legs, leggings, trousers which are not full length, trousers which follow a current trend, cords, culottes, ski pants, trousers with large buckles, frills or fashion accessories.
Coats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not be worn in lessons. • No coats or jackets to be worn under blazers. • Hoods on coats should not be worn inside.
Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silicon wristbands to support charities are allowed. • Although wristwatches are allowed in most lessons, these have to remain the student's responsibility. Smart Watches are not permitted. • Jewellery must be removed for PE or other activities as directed.
Facial piercings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single pair of small stud earrings (or just one) is allowed. • One stud in the nose is allowed. • Any other piercings are not acceptable. • Piercings must be removed for PE or other activities as directed.
Nails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fake or extended nails are not allowed.
Make-up and hair styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural or discreet make up only. Hairstyles (and accessories) should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. Colouring is only allowed if it is of a single normal hair colour, although natural-colour highlights are acceptable.
Phones and Earphones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should not be seen during the school hours of 8.30am - 3pm or in a detention. • If they are seen during the school day, they will be taken and handed into reception; to duty staff or to a head of year. • If seen before or after school, students will be advised to put them away.

PE Kit

Students MUST wear Wigston Academy PE kit on the days they have PE lessons. The Wigston Academy PE kit consists of a school branded PE top and plain black bottoms.

PE Uniform: Mandatory (school t-shirt plus school top layer):



- Students will be expected to wear **plain** black tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings or shorts if they do not want to wear the school branded track pant bottoms.

Uniform can be purchased from:

- Uniform Direct: <https://www.uniform-direct.com/acatalog/Wigston-Academy.html>

Or

- School Wear Solutions: <https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/our-schools/wigston-academy/>

Basic Equipment

All students will be expected to attend with the following equipment as a minimum; pen, pencil, ruler, eraser and reading book.

Key dates for the 2022/23 Academic Year

AUTUMN TERM 2022

School Opens	Tuesday 30 th August 2022
Mid Term Break	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st October 2022
School closed	Friday 25 th November 2022
Christmas Break	Monday 19 th December 2022 – Tuesday 3 rd January 2023

SPRING TERM 2023

School Opens	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Half Term	Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th February 2023
Easter Break	Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April 2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

School Opens	Monday 17 th April 2023
May Day	Monday 1 st May 2023
Mid Term Break	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June 2023
School Closes	Friday 14 th July 2023

Ofsted Report

As you may be aware we received Ofsted visits for both the Academy and College towards the end of the summer term. We are really proud of our reports, which demonstrate what we have always said, that our students are at the heart of all that we do. You can read the full Ofsted reports via the school website or via the Ofsted website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted>

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our students who received exam results this summer. Their results were fantastic and testament to the hard work and dedication shown by them. We wish them all well on the next step of their lives.

Finally, we would like to welcome all of our new students, parents and carers as they join us in Year 7 and Year 12.

As always if you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us:
Wigston Academy: 0116 2881228, Wigston College: 0116 2881611.

Yours faithfully,

Wigston Academy and Wigston College