



**Dame Elizabeth
Cadbury School**
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Dear parent/carer,

As we break for the October half-term holiday, we would like to thank our students for their hard work, and you for your ongoing partnership. Here are some important reminders for the next half term. Pupils return on Monday 3rd November for 8.39am line up.

School Uniform

I would like to take a moment to discuss the importance of our school uniform policy and the expectations we have in place to ensure that all of our pupils present themselves in a manner appropriate for a learning environment at Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School.

Our school uniform consists of the following items:

- Black blazer with school badge must be worn at all times
- White school shirts must be tucked in to waistband with top buttons fastened
- School tie with House colours must be worn at all times (showing a minimum of 6 stripes)
- A plain black v neck jumper, containing no logo or branding, is optional in the winter.
- Formal plain black polishable school shoes must be worn – no trainers, sports branded footwear, canvas pumps or boots are permitted.
- Only standard full-length school trousers are permitted (no jeans, skinny/fashion style trousers, turn ups, ankle grazers or cropped trousers are permitted) OR a black, pleated skirt (must be knee-length - stretchy or fitted skirts are not permitted) worn with black tights or plain black or white ankle socks. Knee length socks are not acceptable in school.
- Plain black tights (no patterns are permitted)
- A plain coat (without graphics, slogans etc.) No coats should be worn in the school building – no hoodies or tracksuit tops are permitted
- Black, plain headscarves, wraps, bands, or hair clips/ornaments (must be tucked under blazers with the school tie visible).

Jewellery and Personal Appearance

We ask that pupils refrain from wearing any jewellery to school, as it can pose safety risks. The only exception is one plain gold or silver stud in the ear lobe. Body or facial piercings, as well as any false nails, or eyelashes, including extensions, are not allowed. Hair styles should be appropriate, avoiding extreme colours or high-fashion cuts. Any other jewellery being worn in the academy will be confiscated.

We encourage parents to avoid purchasing expensive designer variations of the standard uniform, as the school cannot accept liability for any loss or damage to these items including jewellery. Uniform decisions rest with the Headteacher's final decision. All pupils are expected to wear their full school uniform at all times, ensuring that they present themselves suitably for the school environment. Shirts should be tucked in, top buttons fastened, and ties tied neatly so that six stripes are visible beneath the knot. Please note that coats are not to be worn inside the school building. Note spot patches are not allowed.



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Thank you for your cooperation and support in upholding our uniform policy. Together, we can ensure that our pupils take pride in their appearance and represent our school positively.

All information regarding uniform can be found on the school website using the following link:
<https://decschool.co.uk/uniform/>

Key dates:

Here are some key dates for your calendars for the upcoming half term:

- Wednesday 5th November – School closes for pupils at 12.30pm.
**Some year 11 pupils have been invited back to complete essential coursework elements.*
- Thursday 27th November – Year 11 and 13 Parents Evening
- Friday 28th November – School is closed to all pupils.
- Thursday 11th December – School Christmas Concert 5.30pm
- Thursday 18th December – School closes for Christmas Holiday at the end of the school day.

Equipment

As a minimum, pupils should bring the following equipment to school every day:

- A suitably sized waterproof bag for transporting books, homework, equipment etc. (bags must be large enough to hold an A4 folder)
- Pens (including at least one black and one green pen)
- Pencil, ruler and eraser, in a pencil case
- Glue stick

Combined Cadet Force (CCF) The CCF is an internal cadet contingent that operates from within the school and is run by school staff. We provide students with opportunities that may not normally be available to them in the outside world. These activities range from; Camping on the school grounds, Air Rifle Target Shooting in the gym to flying a Tutor T1 Aircraft with a trained pilot. We will provide your child with an RAF Uniform and we also provide your child with the equipment for their training programme so there is no day-to-day cost for attending. The CCF is also an incredible opportunity for students to develop their own personal attributes such as leadership, communication and organisational skills which will benefit them as they transition to adulthood. If you would like more information regarding the opportunities available to your child, then email our School on enquiry@decschool.co.uk and mark for the attention of CCF and we will answer any questions or queries you may have.

Matrix Academy Trust App If you are yet to download and use the Matrix Academy Trust application, that was launched September 2023, you could be missing out on vital information from the school, please follow the simple steps outlined below: <https://decschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Matrix-App-guide-for-parents-1.pdf>

Yours sincerely,



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