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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to confirm that Khalsa Schoolwear has been appointed as the official uniform supplier for the Harris Academy Benfleet.

As we prepare for the uniform transition, please find below a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to support you with information regarding the new school uniform for the Harris Academy Benfleet.

Uniform FAQs for Parents & Carers

1. Who is the new uniform supplier?

Our official supplier is Khalsa Schoolwear.

2. What does the new uniform look like?

You can view the approved uniform boards, colourways, and branded items in the attachments provided with this letter. This will also be uploaded on the academy website.

3. Where is the supplier located, and how can I purchase uniform?

Khalsa Schoolwear offers multiple ways to purchase uniform:

- Retail store: (Unit 1 Cromwell Centre Selinas Lane Dagenham RM8 1QH)
- Online store: (<https://khalaschoolwear.co.uk/> academy webstore link will be provided when available)
- On-site pop-up events at the academy: (Dates to follow)

For the uniform swap, Khalsa Schoolwear will run measuring and pop-up events on site to support families. A clear process will be communicated once dates are confirmed. Professional staff from Khalsa Schoolwear will measure students and advise on appropriate sizing.

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4. Which uniform items will be provided free of charge to existing students?

Students currently in Years 7–10, (Years 8 - 11 in September 2026) will receive the following free compulsory branded items:

- Blazer
- Tie
- PE Top

This applies only to students already on roll between now and the end of the summer term 2026.

We will confirm distribution dates as soon as possible. These timings may be influenced by global events affecting manufacturing and transport costs. Parents wishing to purchase additional items may do so via the supplier website or in-store. A webstore will be created specifically for the Harris Academy Benfleet. Delivery is free for orders over £50.

5. Are new starters included in the uniform swap?

No. New Year 7 starters in September 2026 are not part of the swap and will be required to purchase the full uniform.

6. When and how will uniform information be provided to new starters?

Parents of new starters will receive:

- A uniform price list
- A webstore link
- Details on shop opening times and delivery options

This will be communicated as part of the new starter information pack.

7. When will uniform be available for collection and online orders?

We are working towards uniform availability from the second week of July. Please note this may be subject to change due to global supply chain pressures. Any changes will be communicated promptly, and contingency plans will be in place to ensure students have their uniform for September.

8. How will parental enquiries be handled?

All uniform related questions should be sent to the academy. We will respond promptly and ensure consistent information is shared across academies.

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9. What if the uniform doesn't fit?

Khalsa Schoolwear offers an exchange policy for unworn items with tags intact. Exchanges can be made:

- In store
- At scheduled pop-up events
- Via returns service (details provided on their website)

10. Will financial support be available for families who need it?

Where families are experiencing hardship, academies can provide guidance and support on a case-by-case basis. Parents should contact the academy directly.

11. Can parents still purchase generic items from supermarkets?

Yes - items such as shirts, trousers, black PE socks and PE shorts/ PE leggings may be purchased from any retailer, provided they meet the academy's uniform standards.

12. What happens if my child joins the academy mid-year from September 2026?

From 1st September 2026 mid-year admissions can purchase uniform directly from Khalsa Schoolwear.

13. Will there be guidance on what students should wear for PE?

Yes. A PE kit board is available and attached which will also be published on the academy website.

14. Will there be size guides available online?

Yes. The supplier provides:

- A full-size chart
- A "measure at home" guide
- Fitting recommendations for specific items like blazers and PE tops

15. What if items are out of stock?

Parents will be notified immediately, and suppliers will prioritise restocking to ensure uniform is available in time for September. The academy will keep you updated if delays arise.

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16. What about the dress code for Sixth Form?

The Sixth Form team will be sending out separate communications directly to Year 12 and 13 students and families regarding the requirements of the new business dress code for Sixth Form students.

Yours sincerely



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