

Uniform Requirements from September 2022

Aim:

We will be changing our uniform requirements in line with the government guidance to keep the cost of uniform as low as possible, while retaining our school's distinctive identity.

School uniform for all years:

Pupils must wear one of the following:

- Plain black, formal, tailored school trousers with no external pockets (patch pockets) or studs or decoration in any way. Trousers should be straight legged with no elastic or flare at the bottom. Trousers must not be figure-hugging or resembling jeans or leggings.
- Plain black, formal, tailored school shorts with long legs (Bermuda shorts style) that also fulfil the criteria for trousers.
- Plain black knee-length skirt; this may be A-line, pleated or kilt-style. Skirt length must be no shorter than 5 cm above the top of the kneecap – we recognise that children grow, and recommend that when bought, skirts are over the knee, so as to last longer. Skirts must be plain with no external pockets, studs or decoration. Skirts must not be figure-hugging i.e. not made of stretchy material.

All of the above items are available from our uniform supplier, Schoolyard – they have some branded stock remaining which they will sell at the same (lower) price of the un-branded (plain) items.

All pupils must wear:

- White office-wear style shirt with a collar; shirt may be short or long-sleeved. Shirt may be cotton or polyester blend, but not aertex or collar-less.
- Black shoes, plain with no logos or decoration. Shoes should be fully-enclosing, low-heeled and suitable for wearing all day around the variety of terrains on the school site, including wet areas; for this reason, we recommend leather-style shoes. Backless sandals, mules, raised heels or boots are not allowed.
- A blue school jumper or cardigan, with school logo.* *Available only from Schoolyard.*
- A school tie – blue/gold for years 7-10, red and gold for yr 11 and plain red for prefects. *Available only from Schoolyard.*
- Black socks or tights.

*in previous years we have insisted that year 11 pupils change their blue jumper for a black jumper or cardigan; in the school year 22-23 this will be optional rather than mandatory.

Optional:

- A plain outdoor coat – a hoodie or top made of tracksuit/sweatshirt material is often not an acceptable alternative in the colder/wetter weather.
- Hats, gloves and scarves (to be worn for the journey to and from school, and break times only).
- A sunhat is allowed in sunny weather at break and lunchtime.
- Sunglasses may be worn at break and lunch times but must be kept in a case in the schoolbag at other times.

Jewellery:

No jewellery will be permitted with only the exception of:

- One pair of plain, un-decorative, earring studs in ears.
- A discreet hairband, worn to keep hair from eyes.

This is a change of rules – we will no longer allow the wearing of rings. Necklaces, bracelets (of all types including charity bands and friendship bracelets) are not allowed to be worn with school uniform. Also not allowed are ear plugs or tunnels.

Make-up: pupils in year 7-9 may wear no make-up at all, excepting a small amount of concealer if they wish to cover spots/blemishes.

Pupils in year 10 and 11 will be allowed to wear discreet make-up only. *This means that false eye-lashes, false nails and blatant (obvious) make-up, including obvious use of skin-tanning style products will be prohibited.*

Nose-jewellery of any type is not allowed. Pupils who have nose piercings must remove the stud/ring/bar before coming to school and only replace it after leaving school for the day. As piercings take time to heal properly before the jewellery can be removed, piercing should only be undertaken at the very start of the summer holidays – so that by September the jewellery can be removed daily to comply with our rules.

PE Uniform:

Pupils may not arrive to school in PE uniform.

For sports, pupils should bring their kit to school and change into it when needed. After sports, pupils are expected to change back into uniform, even if this is at the end of the school day.

Pupils must wear:

- A multi-sport shirt with school logo. *Available only from Schoolyard*
- Trainers (for most sports).
- Astro trainers (or football boots with short studs) for use on the all-weather pitches
- Black PE shorts
- Plain black tracksuit trousers or thick sports leggings can be worn if the weather is cooler (not thin 'fashion' leggings)
- Black PE hoodies can be worn over the multi-sport shirt in colder weather. *Ones displaying the MVC logo are available from Schoolyard; or you may purchase from another supplier (please ensure that they are plain with no other logos visible)*
- Hooped socks – black and blue. *Available only from Schoolyard*
- Swimming kit for when swimming (KS3, on rotation) – girls: one piece only, boys: trunks (not speedos or board shorts).