

# Melbourn Village College

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## School Uniform Policy (and useful Equipment list)

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### Introduction

It is our school policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events inside or outside of normal school hours. We ask pupils to take pride in their personal appearance. Clothing which does not conform to the requirements below will not be considered suitable uniform for lessons.

Melbourn Village College welcomes pupils from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why pupils are unable to adhere to this policy, the Principal will look seriously at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parent/carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Principal. In cases of financial hardship, particularly if students are in receipt of the pupil premium, the College may be able to support with the cost of uniform. Parents should contact the office in confidence.

### Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies the children with the school
- Support our commitment to inclusion
- Prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered good value for money

### Monitoring and Review

The Board of Governors supports the Principal in implementing the School Uniform Policy. Suppliers of school uniform will be selected based on offering good value for money. This policy will be reviewed every four years, or earlier is considered necessary.

### **School Uniform List:**

- Formal, tailored, long black trousers, tailored black shorts or knee length black skirt. Schoolyard only with college logo. (All years.)
- Black socks or black plain tights.
- White, short or long-sleeved shirt. Any supplier.
- College tie. Schoolyard only.
- College blue knitted jumper with logo (Yrs 7-10). Black V-neck jumper or cardigan with the College logo (Yr11). No other logo or jumper is allowed. Schoolyard only.

- Navy/gold college tie (Years 7 -10). Schoolyard only.
- Black/gold college tie (Year 11). Schoolyard only.
- Gold college tie for Prefects. Schoolyard only.
- Shoes - These need to be flat, all black and need to be suitable for movement around a large, busy school. They must be able to be securely fastened and worn accordingly. Backless sandals, mules, raised heels or boots are not allowed.

**Optional:**

- A plain outdoor coat – a hoodie or top of tracksuit material is not an acceptable alternative.
- Hats, gloves and scarves (to be worn for the journey to and from school only).
- A sunhat is allowed in sunny weather at break and lunchtime.

**Jewellery:**

The following items may be worn:

- One plain ring.
- A single pair of silver or gold ear studs – only one per ear.
- Discreet facial make-up in years 10 and 11 only.
- A plain hairband.

**PE Kit:**

- Royal blue and black hooped long socks. Schoolyard.
- Short white socks, from any supplier.
- Boys black shorts, from any supplier.
- Girls black skirt. Schoolyard.
- Girls/boys royal blue/black sports shirt (short sleeved). Schoolyard.
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms, optional purchase from any supplier.
- Black sweatshirt with school logo, optional purchase from Schoolyard.
- Swimming costume/trunks and towel, from any supplier.
- Trainers, from any supplier.
- Studed footwear (strongly advised for boys), from any supplier)
- Gum shields and shin pads (optional but strongly advised), from any supplier.

**Not Permitted:**

- Long sleeved or otherwise visible tops worn under the shirt unless permission has been given.
- Necklaces, chains and bracelets.
- Non-stud earrings plugs or tunnels. Facial or oral piercings. Parents are therefore advised not to have their child's ears or face pierced during term time or holidays other than at the beginning of the long summer break.
- Nail varnish/acrylic nails.
- Overly decorative hairbands, flowers or clips in the hair.

**Additional Information:**

- Only sensible hairstyles are permitted, e.g. nothing less than a 'No. 2' cut, no extreme hairstyles, eg. Tramlines, and no unnatural colour or beadings.
- Only water may be drunk during lessons. This must be in a clear bottle. No canned or bottled drinks are allowed at any time unless purchased from school. These will be confiscated and disposed of.

**Useful Equipment:**

It is vital that all students come prepared for every lesson. Please supply:

- Pens, pencils, ruler (30cm), eraser.
- A good strong school bag.
- A scientific calculator – ideally a Casio FX-83 or FX-85.

- 180-degree (semi-circular) Protractor.
- Pair of compasses (metal rather than plastic).

The following items would also help support your child's learning:

- A notebook.
- Some coloured pencils and felt pens.
- A small glue stick.
- A pocket Mandarin/English dictionary (Yrs 7, 8 & 9).
- A Spanish/English dictionary (Yrs 7, 8 & 9).