

# Uniform Policy

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## Introduction

The school places significant importance on the uniform worn by all pupils, as it is designed to promote equity within our diverse community. This uniform not only ensures a sense of equality among students but also reflects input from the pupils themselves. By encouraging a standard dress code, the school aims to create a unified and inclusive environment where each student feels equal and valued. The value and importance of the uniform extend beyond mere attire; it serves as a symbol of unity, fostering a collective sense of identity and belonging within the school community.

## Uniform

All students in Years 7 to 11 are expected to wear full school uniform in the school agreed fabric and style.

This consists of:

- A blazer
- A plain black skirt or trousers (not jeans or leggings). Skirts must be formal and knee length or at least 2 inches above the ankle, worn with plain (non-patterned) black tights or plain black socks or plain white ankle socks.
- A white formal shirt
- A school tie
- A school jumper – black, v-neck
- Plain, dark, sensible, flat shoes

If you wish to wear a headscarf (hijab) this must be plain black or white with no fringe or tassels and must be worn appropriately. If worn, the hijab must be worn pinned securely and in a formal way; it may not be worn as a fashion accessory or shawl. Students may wear the hijab to cover their hair and shoulders at all times, except during PE, dance and other activities where this would present a danger. For those that wish to, there is a sports hijab available for purchase and students may wear a swim-hood for swimming.

Students will also need a school bag that is an appropriate size for school books (up to A4 size) and equipment. i.e. rucksack or messenger bag style. Small items bags and handbags are not allowed.

**All items are compulsory except the jumper which is optional. The same uniform is worn all year round and students must always bring their blazers to school.**

No jewellery other than small studs in the earlobe may be worn and hair must be tied back. No makeup can be worn.

The school's PE kit is compulsory for both PE and dance lessons and students will need:

Compulsory items:

- Green sweatshirt with logo
- Green shirt with logo
- Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts (these not tight fitting). No other colours allowed.

- Trainers

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with guidance from the Mulberry Schools Trust and statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

In line with our commitment to make uniform affordable to all, there are only two items which are bespoke to Mulberry Academy Woodside:

**Mulberry Academy Woodside Blazer**  
**Mulberry Academy Woodside Tie**

In addition, the school runs a scheme that allows parents to donate unwanted uniform items to us. We then keep these in stock and can provide them free of charge to parents. Please contact school reception to find out more about this.

**Pupils' Responsibilities:**

It is the responsibility of our pupils to familiarise themselves with the uniform regulations, provided to their parents before the academic year commences. These outline the appropriate uniform to wear and the correct manner in which to wear the uniform.

Pupils should also be aware that failure to abide by these regulations may result in sanctions, outlined at the conclusion of this policy.

The role of a School Prefect comes with responsibility, and as role models, their exemplary adherence to uniform regulations is imperative. Consequently, a student failing to comply with the regulations may not hold this position.

**Parents' Responsibilities:**

Parents/guardians should be acquainted with the uniform regulations issued by the school and should assist their child/children in acquiring the correct items. Parents are expected to ensure that their son/daughter follows the regulations. If a sanction becomes necessary, parents are expected to support the school in enforcing whatever action is deemed necessary.

**Staff Responsibilities:**

Form tutors will ensure pupils in their form are informed about this policy. All staff members are expected to acquaint themselves with the uniform regulations issued annually to parents. It is anticipated that all staff will aid in ensuring uniform regulations are adhered to.

All teaching and support staff will play a role in this.

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