



18 May 2022

Dear Parents/Guardian

**Updated uniform policy from September 2022**

Thank you for your feedback on our proposals to change our uniform policy for September 2022. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and we will now be going forward with the proposed changes.

The new uniform significantly reduces the cost to families, has fewer branded items and makes fewer items compulsory. It is also gender neutral and more inclusive. It remains an extremely smart uniform that supports our high standards and expectations and I am sure that our students will continue to wear it with pride.

The new uniform list is on the back of this letter and can be found on our website [here](#).

It brings our uniform in line with the recently published Maiden Erlegh Trust policy (which can be found [here](#)) which itself is compliant with recent statutory guidance.

Please note that there is no requirement to buy new items of uniform as we have not changed these, rather we have reduced requirements to wear particular items.

We are working on our second hand provision and will let you know in due course how this will operate. In order to build stock for this, please could I ask you to consider donating branded items (e.g. blazer, school tie etc.) when they are no longer required. Please bring any donations to school reception.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

**Mr A Johnson**  
Headteacher

## UNIFORM LIST

### Mandatory items

Blazer	MER blazer (boy or girl cut)
Tie	School striped tie
Shirt/Blouse	Traditional white shirt/blouse (long or short sleeved)
Trousers/Skirt	Charcoal trousers Charcoal tailored shorts Charcoal pleated skirt Salwar may be worn under the skirt for religious reasons. <i>(No jeans, leggings or jogging bottoms).</i>
Others	Grey socks/tights
<b>Optional items</b>	
Jumper	Navy pullover
School bag	MER branded
Headscarf	Plain navy blue

## SHOES

Students should wear black, polishable shoes  
Boots, trainers, canvas shoes etc. are not appropriate and students should not wear them.  
Shoes should be sensible i.e. not have thick soles or high heels/wedges.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION KIT

<b>Compulsory</b>	MER PE/sports top Navy PE shorts White sport socks Football boots Non-marking trainers Shin pads Mouth guard
<b>Optional</b>	Navy tracksuit bottoms Navy sports top/fleece (not hoodie) Navy leggings

## PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Well-groomed hair/facial hair (no extreme styles)  
One small silver/gold stud in each ear only; no other jewellery should be worn to school  
Natural coloured hair  
No make-up or nail varnish except light foundation.

## UNIFORM IMAGES

