

21 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Uniform & Equipment

[Please check our Uniform Guidelines](#) for full details, we have also put a handy checklist at the end of this letter.

Key reminders:

- **Shoes:** Black, polishable leather only – no trainers or canvas shoes.
- **Trousers/skirts:** Charcoal or black.
- **Jewellery:** One small stud in each ear and one in the nose only.
- **Hair and makeup:** Natural hair colours only, no extreme styles, no makeup (except light foundation), and no nail varnish or extensions.
- **Lanyards:** Students need both the lanyard and plastic wallet to store their timetables. If lost or damaged, lanyards and wallet can be bought from Head of Year for £2.

Please see end of letter for further information.

Essential Equipment – “PREP”

Students must bring the following every day:

- **Pen** (black or blue)
- **Ruler** (30cm)
- **Eraser**
- **Pencil**

They also need:

- Scientific calculator
- Green pen (for feedback)
- Protractor & compass
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue stick
- Highlighter
- Clear pencil case (for exams)



We'll be checking equipment regularly as part of our “**Ready to Learn**” initiative.

Please ensure all uniform and equipment is **named**, and that your child brings a **refillable water bottle**.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property. Students are aware that items will be displayed in the atrium before the end of term. Anything unclaimed will be **disposed of**.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Amy Harvey
Assistant Headteacher



Uniform Expectations for Maiden Erlegh in Reading



UNIFORM LIST	
Mandatory items	
Blazer	MER blazer
Tie	School striped tie
Shirt/Blouse	Traditional white shirt/blouse (long or short sleeved)
Trousers/Skirt	Charcoal/black tailored trousers Charcoal/black tailored shorts Charcoal/black pleated skirt Salwar may be worn under the skirt for religious reasons. (No jeans, leggings or jogging bottoms).
Lanyard	At the start of the year, a year group specific lanyard will be provided for each student. Replacement lanyards may be purchased for £2.
School bag	MER branded is available, otherwise dark colours only
Others	Grey/black socks/tights
Optional items	
Jumper	Navy pullover
Headscarf	Plain navy blue
Turban	Plain navy blue
<p>Sikh students may wear the Five Ks only if it has been agreed with the headteacher. For information please contact the school office.</p>	



SHOES
<p>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.</p>

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

PERSONAL APPEARANCE
<p>Well-groomed hair/facial hair (no extreme styles). One small silver/gold stud in nose and one in each ear only; no other jewelry should be worn to school. Natural coloured hair. No nail varnish or makeup, except light foundation.</p>