

Malmesbury School Uniform Policy 2014

After an extensive consultation of parents, students and staff of Malmesbury School and subsequent analysis of the feedback from this process, the Uniform panel recommended changes to the school uniform. Governors considered these recommendations and made some amendments to the policy and implementation timetable. The final decisions are outlined in this document.

The school uniform is important as it creates a sense of belonging and purpose. It is also important that we have a uniform so that students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and recognise that we value all students alike. Pupils represent themselves and us outside of the school and are expected to maintain high standards wherever and whenever the uniform is worn, including travelling to and from school.

We expect students to attend school in neat, tidy clothing which is appropriate for the work they will be doing. We specify that clothing should be plain and sensible. We have a number of reasons for adopting our dress code:

- It enables parents to have the opportunity to choose where they buy most of the items of clothing
- It enables students to have some choice about their clothing while, hopefully, not vying with each other to wear the latest fashion.
- It avoids staff having to spend valuable time on fruitless arguments with students about the colour or suitability of their clothing.

The following items of clothing can only be purchased on-line from our official uniform suppliers or, if you do not have access to the internet, by completing an order form and returning it to school along with your payment.

School Jumper – grey with red stripe and school logo

School Cardigan – grey with red stripe and school logo

White shirts with logo

School ties will be available to buy in school. This is an optional item of uniform.

The following items can be purchased from our official uniform suppliers, a dedicated school uniform supplier or from the school wear (and not fashion range) of only those suppliers who offer a specific school wear range of clothing e.g. Asda, BHS, John Lewis, Marks and Spencer, Sainsbury, Tesco etc.

Trousers

Skirts

Shirt – white, button to neck with collar suitable for wearing with a tie, either long or short sleeves.









Blouse – white, long, short or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves with a reverse neck.

All of these items must conform to the policy set out below.

The school logo must be present on the outermost item of clothing which will likely be the jumper or cardigan through most of the year. In the summer, if a student does not wear a jumper or cardigan, then either a logoed shirt or a plain white shirt **with** school tie must be worn. A plain white shirt cannot be worn without either the jumper, cardigan or tie.

The school uniform required for years 7-11 with clear guidance of what is and what is not acceptable follows:

Girls Uniform

Acceptable		Not acceptable
Either		
	<p>Jumper</p> <p>Charcoal Grey 'V' Neck Jumper with red stripe neckline and embroidered logo. Cardigans and jumpers without the school logo are not acceptable. When the jumper or cardigan is not worn then either a logoed shirt or a plain white shirt with the school tie must be worn.</p>	
Or		
	<p>Cardigan</p> <p>Charcoal Grey cardigan with red stripe neckline, red edging and embroidered logo. Cardigans and jumpers without the school logo are not acceptable. When the jumper or cardigan is not worn then either a logoed shirt or a plain white shirt with the school tie must be worn.</p>	
Either		
	<p>Shirt</p> <p>Revere collar white short sleeved shirt with embroidered school logo. Tucked in.</p> <p>A plain white revere collar shirt may be worn but only when under the jumper or cardigan.</p> <p>A plain white vest or top can be worn under the shirt for warmth but the sleeves must not show past the shirt sleeves or above the revere neck.</p>	
Or		
	<p>Shirt and House Tie</p> <p>Plain white long or short sleeved buttoned collar shirt must be worn with school tie, covering top button, wide end out and to the waist if no jumper or cardigan is worn over the top. Tucked in.</p> <p>A plain white vest or top can be worn under the shirt for warmth but the sleeves must not show past the shirt sleeves or above the neck</p>	

Girls Uniform

Acceptable



Skirts

Skirt Style

The skirt must be of woven **plain black** fabric.

No knitted jerseys/stretch/satin fabrics/denim/lace/cord/patterns permitted. Skirts may be A-Line, pleated, skater or straight, but not tight to the hips. Fashion skirts are not permitted.

Skirt length

Skirts should be longer than the ends of the fingertips when arms and hands are held straight down by the side of the body.

Not acceptable



Trousers

Plain black, tailored and formal, straight cut or bootleg, woven fabric.

Not denim, jeggings, leggings, tight or low fitting.

No stretch material, or fashion styles. No Miss Sixty trousers.

Short length

Shorts should be longer than the ends of the fingertips when arms and hands are held straight down by the side of the body.











Tights





Neutral or plain black. No patterns.



Boys Uniform

Acceptable		Not acceptable
Either		
	<p>Jumper</p> <p>Charcoal Grey 'V' Neck Jumper with red stripe neckline and embroidered logo. Cardigans and jumpers without the school logo are not acceptable. When the jumper or cardigan is not worn then either a logoed shirt or a plain white shirt with the school tie must be worn.</p>	
Or		
	<p>Cardigan</p> <p>Charcoal Grey cardigan with red stripe neckline, red edging and embroidered logo. Cardigans and jumpers without the school logo are not acceptable. When the jumper or cardigan is not worn then either a logoed shirt or a plain white shirt with the school tie must be worn.</p>	
Either		
	<p>Shirt</p> <p>Button collar white short sleeved shirt with embroidered school logo. Tucked in.</p> <p>A plain white collar shirt may be worn but only when under the jumper or cardigan. Tucked in.</p> <p>A plain white vest or top can be worn under the shirt for warmth but the sleeves must not show past the shirt sleeves or above the reverse neck.</p>	
Or		
	<p>Shirt and House Tie</p> <p>Plain white long or short sleeved buttoned collar shirt must be worn with school tie, covering top button, wide end out and to the waist if no jumper or cardigan is worn over the top. Tucked in.</p> <p>A plain white vest or top can be worn under the shirt for warmth but the sleeves must not show past the shirt sleeves or above the neck</p>	

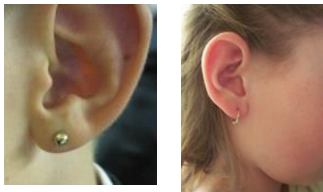

Boys Uniform

Acceptable			Not Acceptable
	<p>Trousers</p> <p>Plain black trousers, woven fabric, tailored and formal, straight cut or bootleg.</p> <p>Not denim, cord, tight or low fitting. No cargo trouser, no skinnies.</p> <p>Boys underwear should not be visible above the trousers and trousers should be worn around the waist and not low around the hips.</p>		
	<p>Shorts</p> <p>Plain black tailored shorts, woven fabric, knee length.</p> <p>Not denim, tight or low fitting, not cargo style</p>		

Shoes and Belts

Acceptable			Not Acceptable
	<p>Shoes</p> <p>Shoes should be plain black, flat heeled, robust and waterproof.</p> <p>Short plain black boots are acceptable.</p> <p>No trainers or trainer style shoes. No canvas shoes. No white flashing or logos on shoes allowed.</p>		
	<p>Belts</p> <p>If worn, belts should be plain, black and threaded through trouser or skirt belt loops.</p>		
	<p>Socks</p> <p>Plain black, white or grey</p>		

Hair, Jewellery and Make-up

Acceptable		Not Acceptable
	<p>Jewellery</p> <p>The only items of jewellery permitted are a watch, one signet ring and a maximum of one stud or sleeper per ear. Nose studs and other forms of body piercing are not permitted.</p>	
	<p>Hair colour</p> <p>Any changes to hair colour should be of a natural shade and distributed in a natural manner. Haircuts and hair styles should not be extreme and should conform to the Health and Safety requirement of practical lessons.</p>	
	<p>Make up</p> <p>Visible make-up and nail varnish are not permitted.</p>	

Coats

Acceptable		Not Acceptable
	<p>Coats</p> <p>In colder months, it is always surprising how many pupils arrive to school either cold or wet because they choose not to wear a coat. We ask parents to help us by encouraging their children to wear coats to school so that they can start the day in a positive way.</p> <p>Outdoor coats should be plain, preferably lightweight, and waterproof. Shirts, sweatshirts, fleeces, cardigans etc. must not be worn as substitutes for outdoor coats. We encourage students to ensure they are visible in the darker mornings and evenings by having fluorescent flashes on their coats or bags.</p>	<p>No outer layer is to be worn inside the school building at any time. Coats and scarves may not be worn inside school. Students should store their coat in their locker during the school day.</p>