

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

UNIFORM & DRESS POLICY Non-statutory Policy – Annual review

GOVERNORS' EDUCATION & WELFARE COMMITTEE

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Uniform and Dress Policy

A correctly worn uniform encourages a sense of pride and unity within the school community. It promotes equality and cohesion, protecting students from social pressures to dress in a particular way. It also sets a suitable tone for learning. We expect all students to wear uniform correctly at school, on trips and when travelling to and from school. This presents the school in a positive manner within our local and wider community.

As part of our response to the new guidance on affordability of uniforms, we have made some changes to our requirements to reduce costs for parents and carers. At the bottom of this policy is the uniform list, on which we have cited prices for the items available through T King and some comparisons from other providers.

If you require support with the cost of school uniform, please contact Mr Wayne Lenhan (Business Manager) on wayne.lenhan@magdalen.northants.sch.uk

For second-hand items of uniform please contact the school on 01280 846300 for more information. These are available from specific charity shops in Brackley town centre.

Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure expectations of appearance for students, staff and Governors are commensurate with the ethos of the school • To ensure that expectations of uniform are clear and cost effective • To remove any distractions that could affect students' ability to learn in a suitable environment and tone
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure all members of the school community are dressed appropriately for work and learning • To ensure dress codes are adhered to by all members of the school community • To ensure equity of expectations for all members of the school community • To ensure affordability for parents, including offering second-hand and non-branded options
Stakeholders	Students, parents, teaching staff, support staff, Governors
Responsibilities of students in Years 7 - 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To act as a positive role model in terms of appearance • To wear the correct uniform at all times • To have all specialised kit with them at appropriate times • To inform tutors of any reason that full uniform cannot be worn and to request an 'exempt' note if required • To wear alternatives provided by the school if they are not in possession of the correct items • To accept sanctions if correct uniform is not being worn
Responsibilities of students in Years 12 and 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To act as a positive role model in terms of appearance • To meet dress code requirements at all times • To have all specialised kit with them at appropriate times • To inform tutors of any reason the dress code cannot be adhered to and to request an 'exempt' note if required • To accept sanctions if correct dress code is not being followed
Responsibilities of all staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To act as a positive role model in terms of appearance • To adhere to the dress code • To dress in a manner which is commensurate with the ethos of the school, with the expectations made of students and which meets all sensible health and safety requirements

Responsibilities of tutors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To monitor that all students are wearing correct uniform/dress every day • To follow up any breaches of expectations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - issue 'exempt' note if appropriate, maximum length until following Monday - keep LoL informed of on-going or repeated breaches of uniform expectations • To issue sanctions by signing the student planner, if uniform/dress requirements are not met. Inform "detentions" if appropriate • To respond to uniform/dress concerns raised by other colleagues
Responsibilities of Leaders of Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support tutors in ensuring that uniform/dress expectations are met • To ensure parents are fully informed of uniform/dress issues • To issue and monitor sanctions issued as required • To monitor policy through Learning Walks and, on a day to day basis, around the school and in assemblies.
Responsibilities of teaching staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To monitor that all students are wearing correct uniform/dress every lesson and to insist that they are doing so on leaving the lesson • To alert tutors and leaders of learning to any persistent uniform issues • To confiscate any jewellery that does not comply with the policy and alert 'On Call' for collection • To support and implement policy when on duty and around the site at all times
Responsibility of heads of faculty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support teachers in ensuring that uniform/dress expectations are met • To monitor policy through Learning Walks and, on a day to day basis, within their area.
Responsibility of Pastoral Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support teachers in ensuring that uniform/dress expectations are met • To administer the sanction system for uniform issues • To support and implement policy in interactions with students
Responsibility of support staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To inform tutors if uniform/dress expectations are not being met
Responsibility of senior staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support all staff in enforcing the uniform/dress policy • To monitor policy through Learning Walks and, on a day to day basis, around the school and in assemblies.
Responsibility of Governors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the school in ensuring that uniform/dress requirements are met
Supporting documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform Requirements • Sanctions Ladder
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Uniform Requirements Year 7 to 11

We consider appearance to be of the utmost importance and therefore expect all students who attend the school to wear uniform in Years 7 - 11. If students fail to wear the correct uniform they will be challenged, and ultimately contact will be made with parents.

Please note – internet search August 2022 – other brands are available and may be preferable – the options below are simply the lowest possible prices sourced via internet search in August 2022.

Compulsory	T King price	Non-branded option price (lowest price found on internet search)
Black blazer with Magdalen College School badge.	£34 - £41.50	N/A
Approved Magdalen College School Skirt	£24.50 - £25.50	N/A
Plain black trousers. Black jeans or leggings are NOT permitted	N/A	£8 for two pairs, ASDA
White shirt with collar (long or short sleeves) or a white revere blouse (girls only)	Short sleeve revere blouse - £14.40 Long sleeve revere blouse - £15.40	£3 Short sleeve two-pack, ASDA £3.50 long-sleeve two-pack, ASDA
MCS tie, fully knotted, and worn so that fastened top button cannot be seen (boys only).	£5.50	N/A
Plain black or white socks, or plain black or flesh-coloured tights (no patterns).	N/A	£3.50 Ten pack, ASDA
Black school shoes (leather or equivalent). Trainers, boots or any type of canvas shoe/boot/trainer are not permitted. Any logos must be black	N/A	£9.99, various, Shoe Zone
Optional		
Optional black jumper with MCS logo to only be worn under the blazer.	£19.50 - £29.50	N/A
Belt, optional, but must be plain black with small buckle.	N/A	£3.49, Amazon
MCS Apron	£7	£3.99, Amazon (unbranded)

Jewellery

The only acceptable items are 1 small plain gold or silver stud earring in each ear, and a watch. Any other piercings of any kind are **not** permitted.

Make Up

Should be unnoticeable. No nail varnish, fake nails or false eyelashes are allowed. Any students wearing nail varnish, fake nails or false eyelashes will be asked to remove them.

Hair

Natural colours only. Stripes, blocks, patterns and shaved lines are not acceptable.

PE Requirements

Compulsory	T King price	Non-branded option price (lowest found on internet search)
MCS Polo shirt with logo	£9.50	N/A
PE shorts	£8.75	£3 two-pack, TU Clothing
MCS socks – blue	£7.65	N/A
Socks - white	N/A	£2.99 three-pack, Decathlon
Training Shoes	N/A	£9.99, Decathlon
Shin pads	£5.50	£3.99, Decathlon
Recommended		
Gum shield	£2.25	(Did not find cheaper alternative)
Optional		
MCS Rugby shirt with logo	£25.50	N/A
MCS Hoody with logo	£17.95	N/A
Blue Thermal base layer	£14.70	£3.99, Decathlon
Tracksuit trousers (navy blue or black)	£25.50 (Branded)	£8 two-pack, TU Clothing
Hockey Stick	N/A	£9.99, Amazon
Badminton Racket	N/A	£5.99, Sports Direct
Football boots – see below	N/A	£12.99, Decathlon
MCS leggings with logo	£18.95	N/A

For safety in Rugby, **studs** must be '**rugby legal**'. Metal 'blade' style studs and some nylon studs are illegal for rugby. **Rugby or football boots** are needed for grass use only.

Astroturf trainers or standard trainers are needed for the artificial pitch. No studded or bladed boots are allowed on the astro-turf pitch.

Please note that all MCS items are only available for purchase from T Kings of Buckingham:
www.tkingassociates.com email: sales@tkingassociates.com