Mulberry
Academy Bexhill

Uniform Policy

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UNIFORM POLICY

Members of the SLT along with members of our Pastoral teams will be on duty every morning to address uniform issues. Students will not be allowed in the building if they are not in the correct uniform.
Where possible, if students have incorrect uniform the Pastoral Manager team may contact home, and if appropriate students will be sent home to correct their uniform. Students can wear a coat or hoodie to school, but this must be taken off when entering the building.

Compulsory branded uniform items:

From September 2026:

For other items, the academy can stipulate colour, shade, fabric and fit (such as trousers, shorts, tights etc.).

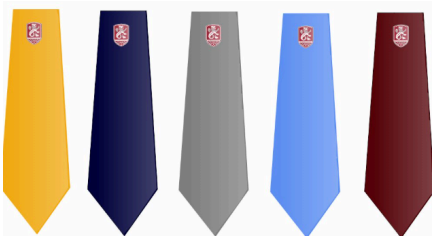
All students require a branded:

1. Tie
2. Blazer
3. PE top
4. If students choose to wear a skirt, they must wear a Mulberry Academy branded skirt.

The school jumper will remain non-branded and non-compulsory, but if students wish to wear a jumper, they will need to wear the school jumper from superstitch.

Term 1-4 Uniform:

- **Shirts** - must be button-down smart shirts (short or long sleeved) – blue for KS3 (years 7-9) and white for KS4 (years 10 & 11).
- **Ties –** must be worn with the shirt. Ties must be the year group colour.
- **Blazers** – are to be worn or carried at all times but preferably worn.
- **Trousers** or **shorts** are permitted but must be **tailored** and **smart** and worn with **ankle socks.** Socks must be black, grey or navy (not white)
- **Mulberry Academy Bexhill skirts** can be worn, **but must** be worn **with black, non-patterned tights**
- **Shoes/trainers** must have tags **removed**
- **Shoes/Trainers** must be **all black with no obvious branding with no air bubbles in the sole.** Shoes must not have a heel greater than 1.5cm.
- **Appropriate cultural or religious headwear**, such as hijabs, turbans, kippahs, or headscarves, in school colours or in plain, neutral tones.



Permitted. Plain black, no obvious branding and no air bubbles

Footwear not permitted in school

Includes an air bubble

Not plain black

Not plain black and obvious branding

<u>Term 5-6 Uniform</u>:

- **Shirts** – white polo shirts for years 10 and 11 with no ties, pale blue polo shirts for years 7, 8 and 9 with no ties OR button-down smart shirts (short or long sleeved) – blue for KS3 (years 7-9) and white for KS4 (years 10 & 11) to be worn with the year group tie.
- **Blazers** are optional**.**
- **Trousers** or **shorts** are permitted but must be **tailored** and **smart.** They must be an **appropriate length. Ankle socks** only must be worn (black, grey or navy not white)
- **Mulberry Academy Bexhill skirts** can be worn, but must be worn **with black, non-patterned tights.**
- **Shoes/trainers** must have tags **removed**

- **Shoes/Trainers** must be **all black with no obvious branding with no air bubbles in the sole.** Shoes must not have a heel greater than 1.5cm.
- **Appropriate cultural or religious headwear**, such as hijabs, turbans, kippahs, or headscarves, in school colours or in plain, neutral tones.

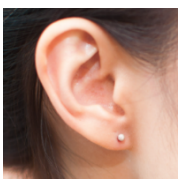
Extreme Hot Weather

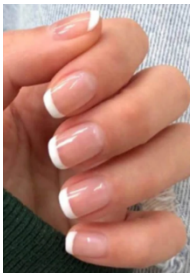
Parent / carers will be informed of the change in uniform due to the weather.

- Students will be allowed to wear their PE kit to school, if they would prefer this option. If students would prefer the summer uniform (polo shirt) or the standard uniform, these options are also accepted.
- Students should wear standard PE navy shorts, PE shirt and sports trainers.
- No skorts, cycling shorts and leggings.

Jewellery, hair and make-up

- **Jewellery** – One single stud earring in each ear lobe, no bracelets, necklaces or rings and no facial piercings other than a small, flat stud nose piercing.
- **Make-up** should preferably not be worn but if it is, it should be very discreet. Students should preferably not wear false eye lashes for school but if they do, they should be small and natural looking. False nails should be natural looking and short in length. Nail varnish can be worn, but no jewels within the nails.
- Only **natural looking hair colour** is allowed for school. Bright colours are not permitted.





Students not meeting the uniform expectations

Students with incorrect uniform will be recorded on our behaviour system and a consequence given. Where appropriate, uniform can be borrowed for the remainder of the school day. Students refusing to make these changes will be sent to our internal suspension rooms until either the correct uniform is brought into the school or until the end of the school day.

Students wearing non permitted items, e.g. bracelets, necklaces, rings piercings etc will be required to remove these and place them in an envelope and kept in the student's year office until the end of the day.