



St Mary
Magdalene
Academy

Dress and Uniform Policy for Students

St Mary Magdalene Academy is a Christian community of learning. We aim to nurture young people to become high achievers and to discover their vocation in the global society.

“Show by a good life that your works are done by gentleness born of wisdom”
James 3.13

Introduction

It is the Governors' and Staff' wish that St Mary Magdalene Academy is known to be an establishment where students comply with a common dress code.

Aims/Purpose

The Academy Uniform for students should:

- a) Be consistent, all students should be of similar appearance.
- b) Be identifiable, and smart, giving a positive image of the Academy.
- c) Be common to both boys and girls as far as is reasonable.
- d) Be simple and hence easy for parents/carers and staff to manage.
- e) Keep cost to parents/carers as low as possible.

Broad Guidelines

Students in Years 7-11 will select from items on attached list.

Students in the Sixth Form are not required to wear uniform but must conform to the guidelines provided although this may be reviewed in time

Monitoring and Reviewing

All staff are responsible for the implementation of the policy and the reporting of those students not conforming to Pastoral Managers or more senior staff with pastoral responsibility as appropriate.

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The Uniform List shows all approved items of uniform, including those for Physical Education.

Excluded Items

No sports shoes e.g. trainers, football boots outside PE lessons. No high heel or stiletto style shoes. No caps or hats. No football scarves. No very short skirts. No boots or canvas shoes.

Jewellery

Only one simple necklace of recognised religious significance is permitted. One pair of small, plain stud earrings are allowed. Piercings of any other sort should

be done at the beginning of the school Summer holidays and must be removed for school.

Hair

Hair colour should not be altered to such a degree that it is not of a natural colour. Extreme hair styles are not appropriate for school.

Religious Headscarves and Turbans

These should be plain and of a colour in line with the Academy uniform: black, white, grey, blue.

Make-up and Tattoos

Make-up and nail varnish are not permitted. For health and safety reasons false nails are not permitted. Tattoos should be covered and not visible.

If the school deems a student's appearance inappropriate, the student may be sent home. Any student who refuses to remove an item which does not conform to the Dress and Uniform Policy on request will be thought of as being uncooperative with the rules of the Academy, and that lack of cooperation may result in exclusion.

OUTDOOR COATS

Academy outdoor coats may be worn in the building but must always be removed in lessons.

Outdoor coats, which are not the Academy coat, must be navy blue and any logo should be no bigger than the SMMA badge on the Academy blazer.

Navy school waterproof jacket can be purchased from Rough Cut Casuals and can be worn in PE lessons when it rains.

BAGS

Students should have a sturdy black or navy blue bag. Rucksack style bags are ideal. Logos should be no bigger than the SMMA badge on the blazer. Small bags, unable to hold an A4 book without damage, are not permitted. Handbag type bags are not appropriate.

DRESS & UNIFORM

We know that the wearing of school uniform helps to develop pride in the Academy and that this feeling is reflected in standards of work, manners and behaviour of students.

We hope, therefore, that all parents/carers will give the Academy their support by providing their sons and daughters with the Academy uniform, details of which are shown above. In appropriate cases, following an application from parents/carers, the Local Education Authority is authorised to make a grant to cover the cost of distinctive school clothing.