



St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead

Uniform Policy (2020)

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Please note:

This policy is ***subject to revision*** as the College engages with the process of transitioning to the new College uniform. Specific uniform requirements relate to the College uniform introduced in 2018. Personal grooming and footwear requirements relate to all students regardless of which uniform they currently own.

UNIFORM

THE COLLEGE'S EXPECTATIONS

All students are to:

Be Safe, Be a Learner, Be Respectful

- Wear the full College uniform
- Wear it correctly
- Provide a note of explanation when the correct uniform is not being worn
- Students out of uniform will have a Uniform Infringement Notice recorded in Compass

RATIONALE

A consistently enforced regulation uniform policy:

- **Assists** in bringing students to the realisation that the sum total of a responsible life is to do what you ought **not** what you want.
- **Builds** a school-wide sense of community, identity and responsibility to the community.
- **Assists in** preventing abusive behaviours, such as harassment and bullying which breed when the bonds of community are weak and positive group norms are absent.
- **Develops** self-discipline and builds character.
- **Sets** clearly defined boundaries for adolescent behaviour which are essential in developing a sense of right and wrong, as well as balance and perspective in life.
- **Develops** a college-wide sense of belonging to the community and responsibility to the community.
- **Ensures** that the individualistic ethic – i.e. concern for one's own needs, does not negate a loyal living out of commitment to the common good.
- **Acts** as a means of bringing students to the realisation that the "cult of experience" i.e. the freedom to do what one wants, without reference to any standard distinct from their own feelings about themselves, cannot take over from the culture of obedience.
- **Promotes** a positive image of the college in the wider community.

Uniform Policy

St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead focuses on the development of the whole person - the individual within, the individual as a member of the College community and the individual who interacts in the wider community. The College believes the maintenance of high uniform standards is crucial to developing a sense of belonging and a sense of both personal and collegial pride within each student.

Seasonal Information

Summer Season: All times outside of winter period.

Winter Season: 1 June to 31 August annually.

N.B Students are permitted to wear the Winter Season uniform at any time throughout Terms 2 and 3.

GIRLS UNIFORM

Girls Year 7 – 9	
Summer Season	Winter Season
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College skirt. To be worn below the knee. • College tailored girls' shorts. To be worn to the knee. • College tailored girls' trousers – May be worn on cold days only. • College blouse (chambray) • College tab tie • College socks (navy) • College jumper and/or College soft shell jacket as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College skirt. To be worn below the knee. • College tailored girls' shorts – optional. To be worn to the knee. • College tailored girls' trousers - optional • College blouse (chambray) • College tab tie • College socks (navy) • College jumper and/or College soft shell jacket as required • College tights – navy opaque, no less than 20 denier - optional

Girls Year 10	
Summer Season	Winter Season
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College skirt. To be worn below the knee.* • College tailored girls' shorts. To be worn to the knee. • College tailored girls' trousers – May be worn on cold days only. • College blouse (white) • College tab tie • College socks (navy) • College soft shell jacket only to be worn on PE days - optional • College blazer – optional * *** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College skirt. To be worn below the knee. • College tailored girls' shorts – optional. To be worn to the knee. • College tailored girls' trousers - optional • College blouse (white) • College tab tie • College jumper – optional** • College socks (navy) • College tights – navy opaque, no less than 20 denier * • College soft shell jacket only to be worn on PE days • Year 10 College blazer (compulsory winter season and must be worn to and from school, except for PE days) *
<p>* College blazer, skirt and tights will be mandated on formal occasions throughout the year ** College jumper – optional in Winter Season. To be worn underneath the blazer *** Blazer – optional in Summer Season</p>	

Girls Year 11 - 12

Summer Season

- College skirt. **To be worn below the knee.***
- College tailored girls' shorts. **To be worn to the knee.**
- College tailored girls' trousers – **May be worn on cold days only.**
- College blouse (white)
- College tab tie
- College socks (navy)
- College blazer – optional * ***

Winter Season

- College skirt. **To be worn below the knee.***
- College tailored girls' shorts – optional. **To be worn to the knee.**
- College tailored girls' trousers
- College blouse (white)
- College tab tie
- College tights – navy opaque, no less than 20 denier *
- College jumper – optional **
- Year 11 – 12 College blazer (**compulsory winter season and must be worn to and from school**) *

* College blazer, skirt and tights will be mandated on formal occasions throughout the year

** College jumper – optional in Winter Season. To be worn underneath the blazer

*** College blazer – optional in Summer Season

BOYS UNIFORM

Boys Year 7 – 9	
<p style="text-align: center;">Summer Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College tailored shorts to be worn with a plain black belt with pin buckle around the waist College tailored trousers (optional) College shirt* (chambray) College socks (navy) College jumper and/or College soft shell jacket (optional) as required 	<p style="text-align: center;">Winter Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College tailored shorts to be worn with a plain black belt with pin buckle around the waist College tailored trousers with a plain black belt with pin buckle around the waist (optional) College shirt* (chambray) College socks (navy) College jumper and/or College soft shell jacket (optional) as required College tie
<p>* Shirt may be worn out in Summer Season. Shirts to be tucked in, in Winter Season.</p>	

Boys Year 10	
<p style="text-align: center;">Summer Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College tailored shorts to be worn with a plain black belt with pin buckle around the waist College tailored trousers with a plain black belt with pin buckle around the waist (optional) College shirt* (white) College socks (navy) College soft shell jacket only to be worn on PE days - optional College blazer – optional ***** 	<p style="text-align: center;">Winter Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College tailored trousers with a plain black belt with pin buckle around the waist (optional) ***** College tailored shorts with a plain black belt with pin buckle around the waist ** College shirt* (white) College socks (navy) College jumper – optional*** College soft shell jacket only to be worn on PE days College tie ***** Year 10 College blazer (compulsory winter season and must be worn to and from school, except for PE days) *****
<p>* Shirt may be worn out in Summer Season. Shirts to be tucked in, in Winter Season.</p> <p>** College tailored shorts are optional in winter season in 2020. From 2021 all Year 10 boys will be required to wear tailored trousers in the Winter Season with a plain black belt with pin buckle around the waist</p> <p>*** College jumper – optional in Winter Season. To be worn underneath the blazer</p> <p>**** College blazer, tie and long trousers will be mandated on formal occasions throughout the year</p> <p>***** College blazer – optional in Summer Season</p>	

Boys Years 11 - 12

Summer Season

- College tailored shorts with a plain black belt with pin buckle around the waist
- College tailored trousers with a plain black belt with pin buckle around the waist (optional)
- College shirt** (white)
- College socks (navy)
- College blazer – optional * ****

Winter Season

- College tailored trousers with a plain black belt with pin buckle around the waist *
- College shirt * (white)
- College socks (navy)
- College tie *
- College jumper – optional ***
- Year 11 – 12 College blazer (**compulsory winter season and must be worn to and from school**) *

* College blazer, tie and long trousers will be mandated on formal occasions throughout the year

** Shirt may be worn out in Summer Season. **Shirts to be tucked in, in Winter Season**

*** College jumper – optional in Winter Season. To be worn underneath the blazer

**** College blazer – optional in Summer Season

SPORTS UNIFORM – BOYS AND GIRLS ALL YEARS

- College sport shorts* (loose fitting)
- College polo shirt*
- College tracksuit pants* (optional)
- College soft shell Jacket* (* see note below regarding Years 11 and 12)
- **Sport Shoes/PE Practical** - Low cut lace up supportive athletic shoes suitable for athletic activity with St Mary's navy socks. Flat soled walking/skating and canvas shoes must **NOT** be worn, ie. Vans & Converse. (see Footwear Requirements)

* College Sports Uniform only to be worn by students in Years 11 and 12 studying PDHPE and SLR on the days when they have practical lessons. If PDHPE and SLR is not part of the student's timetable, sports uniform is not to be worn. The Formal Uniform to be worn all other times.

YEAR 7 TO 10 - COLLEGE SPORTS UNIFORM ONLY TO BE WORN ON DESIGNATED PRACTICAL AND PE DAYS

ACCESSORIES

- College Caps and Bucket Hats are available. Only St Mary's Uniform Beanies and Hats are to be worn (no other brands will be accepted)
- College Scarf available for winter

Personal Grooming

Students are always to maintain a high standard of personal grooming. Expectations include the following:

- Students are to be clean shaven
- Hair is to be neat and tidy, only natural hair colours are permitted. No extreme hair styling
- Students may wear a watch.
- One earring may be worn in each ear. Sleeper or studs only. No other visible piercing is permitted.
- No visible tattoos.
- One visible necklace (gold or silver), one ring, one bracelet is permitted. No costume jewellery is permitted.
- No coloured nail varnish or false fingernails are to be worn.
- Make up must be restricted to light tinted moisturiser preferably with sunscreen, mascara and clear lip tint/gloss.

Undergarments

Students may wear a plain white short sleeved undershirt that is only visible from the collar. No long sleeves and logos permitted.

STUDENTS MUST CONFORM TO EXPECTATIONS ON COLLEGE UNIFORM. THE COLLEGE'S DECISION IS FINAL ON WHAT IS, OR IS NOT, ACCEPTABLE AND THE UNIFORM MUST COMPLY WITH WORK-PLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS.

What to do when out of Uniform

When a student is unavoidably unable to wear full school uniform, **parents are requested to provide a note of explanation.** This note is to indicate why and for how long the student will be out of uniform, the note must be signed by a parent/carer.

Students failing to comply with the provisions of the Uniform Policy are demonstrating a lack of respect for the College community and will be challenged. Students identified as being out of uniform without sufficient explanation will be issued with a consequence consistent with current College practice.

Students who are consistently out of uniform will face consequences up to and including suspension from school.

Footwear Requirements

Black leather lace up shoe (no straps or buckles), that can be polished. Shoes must have a heel however the heel is not to exceed 3cm.

Please give due consideration to the shoes that you purchase for your children to wear to school. It is very important that the shoes meet both the **uniform standard** and **safety requirements** laid down by the school.

- **Correct footwear** for use with main school uniform – **shoes must be black polishable leather** and must not extend over the ankle or have a platform. **The leather must cover the whole upper foot for safety. Suede shoes, boots, joggers and sneakers are not permitted.** See example photographs following of appropriate shoes:



- **Incorrect Footwear** – examples are given below. Please **do not buy** these or similar shoes for your children to wear to school. The shoe on the left does not have a heel, the second is not polishable leather. The next three examples do not cover the upper foot and therefore breach the safety requirements. Such shoes cannot be worn in school laboratories, workshops or kitchens and are inappropriate for PE. Flat soled shoes are not acceptable, eg. Vans and Converse footwear



- **Correct footwear** for use with school sports/PE uniform – sports shoes should have laces or velcro straps and be supportive of the feet during exercise. The whole of the upper foot must be covered. Examples of correct footwear follow:



Canvas shoes as below are not sufficiently supportive of feet to be appropriate for use in sport/PE.

