

Martin High School



UNIFORM AND VALUABLES POLICY

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Dress and Valuables Policy

As you are aware the Martin High School has a unique school uniform. Parents and students were the driving force behind wanting a new uniform and were integral in designing it in 2014. We feel this continues to be an important part of our school community, illustrating the unity and common purpose of our individual students as they go about their learning during their time with us. We are aware of the cost that goes into purchasing a school uniform and, with your unwavering support from home, will strictly apply the uniform policy.

It is our belief that a school uniform:

- Encourages students to feel pride in their school
- Encourages responsible behaviour
- Is good for the reputation of the students and their school
- Is a factor in raising levels of achievement
- Should be practical, smart and affordable



- School Blazer - (Black with the Martin High School emblem)
This is to be worn to and from school as well as at all times within school, unless direct permission is sought from a member of staff.
- Tie - (Martin High School design)
This is to be worn to and from school and during lessons. Students will be asked to remove it during specific lessons where health and safety guidelines need to be adhered to.
- White Shirt - (Formal in design so that it can be tucked into trousers)
This is to be tucked into trousers at all times. This can be short or long sleeved.
- Trousers - (Black formal in design)
This is the most difficult to explicitly describe but is best described as formal, traditional style school trousers.
They should not be - Skinny, jeans or jeans style, leggings, tracksuit bottoms, rolled up or $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths.

- Skirts - (Black and must be worn with plain black tights)
These should be knee length. Pleated skirts are recommended.
They should not be made from stretchy material or high-waisted.
- Shoes - (Plain black)
These should not include any colourful or eye catching logos, coloured laces or a heel.

Optional Clothing

- V neck jumper or cardigan (plain black)
To be worn under the school blazer.
- Cold weather clothing - (Warm waterproof coat, hat, gloves, scarf)
Coats need to be worn over the school blazer during periods of cold and wet weather.

Hoodies are not allowed to be worn at school at any time. They are neither waterproof nor appropriate for school. These items will be removed and will need to be collected by a parent or carer. When the weather is cold it is recommended that students wear their black v neck jumper or cardigan under their school blazer.

A limited supply of school uniform will be available for students to borrow if deemed necessary by a member of staff.

All outdoor clothing, (coats, hats etc), are not to be worn inside the school building.

Additional school expectations

- Makeup - If students wish to wear makeup it should be subtle and lightly applied. Students will be asked to remove make up if it is deemed to not be discrete. Fake eyelashes are not to be worn.
- Nails - Nail varnish, including acrylic or gel nails are not appropriate for school and should not be worn.
- Piercings - One pair of stud earrings is permissible. For safety and security reasons, jewellery, including bracelets, necklaces, rings, nose and face piercings must not be worn in school. If such jewellery is worn it will be confiscated and students and/or parents/carers will be informed when it can be collected.
- Hair styles should not be extreme. This includes decoratively shaved or vivid colour.
- No chewing gum allowed on the school site.
- The school would wish to be sensitive towards students who choose to wear a specific item if it is for a specific religious reason, and the expectation is that a parent or carer contacts the school if this is the case.

Valuables

- Any valuables including mobile phones are brought into school entirely at a student's own risk. Martin High School takes no responsibility for loss or damage to valuables.
- Ear phones must not be worn in school and will be confiscated to be collected by parents or carers.

- Mobile phones are brought to school for emergency use only. They must be kept turned off and in bags or pockets at all times. In emergencies parents or carers can contact the school directly through the school office
- Teachers will confiscate any items which are being used inappropriately and parents will be required to collect them from the school office. Students who have a mobile phone confiscated will be required to attend a 20 minute lunchtime detention with their Head of Year.

If parents/carers have any concerns about the school uniform requirements or expectations they should contact their child's form tutor in the first instance

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Head Teacher's signature:

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Date:

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