

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

UNIFORM & DRESS POLICY Non-statutory Policy – Annual review

GOVERNORS' EDUCATION & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Date next due for review by committee	Reviewed by committee	Any Changes YES/NO	Noted by committee
	27 September 2022	Updated	27 September 2022
September 2023	7 May 2024 (FGB)	New policy for September 2024	Noted by the FGB on 7 May 2024

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Dress Code Policy

From September 2024 we are choosing to have a Dress Code rather than a single 'uniform' for students in Years 7 to 11. This choice is made with a number of positive intentions:

- To ensure that students are comfortable in their clothes and appearance for school
- To allow a degree of choice and flexibility for students to express their own character and identity
- To provide a consistency across our community that supports a sense of belonging and common identity
- To minimise costs to parents, carers and families through flexibility and reducing compulsory branded items

If you require support with the cost of school uniform, please contact our Business Manager on businessmanager@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 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 dress in a manner that identifies them as a member of our school community• To respect the choices of others within the ethos and limitations of our dress code• To have all appropriate kit for Games and practical PE lessons• To inform tutors of any reason that the bounds of the dress code need to be exceeded, and to request an 'exempt' note if required• To wear alternatives provided by the school if they are not in possession of suitable items
Responsibilities of students in Years 12 and 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To dress in a manner that is consistent with the ethos and limitations of our dress code• To respect the choices of others within the ethos and limitations of our dress code• To have all appropriate kit for Games and practical PE lessons• To inform tutors of any reason that the bounds of the dress code need to be exceeded, and to request an 'exempt' note if required• To wear alternatives provided by the school if they are not in possession of suitable items

Responsibilities of all staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To dress in a manner that is consistent with the ethos and limitations of our dress code • To respect the choices of others within the ethos and limitations of our 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 support students in their decisions around the dress code • To follow-up any requested exemptions and communicate these to students, parents and colleagues • To engage students and parents where needed to ensure the dress code is followed • To communicate the ethos of our dress code to tutees
Responsibilities of Leaders of Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support tutors in ensuring that dress expectations are met • To ensure parents are fully informed of dress code concerns • 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 promote the ethos of our dress code to students • To monitor that all students are within the ethos and limitations of the dress code every lesson • To alert tutors and leaders of learning to any persistent concerns • To direct students to remove any items of jewellery that may present a risk to health and safety during specific activities • 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 the dress code is in place • 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 dress code expectations are met • To support and implement policy in interactions with students
Responsibility of support staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To inform tutors if dress code expectations are not being met
Responsibility of senior staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support all staff in promoting the ethos and ensuring positive engagement with dress code • 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 the dress code supports the effective functioning of the school
Supporting documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress Code September 2024 • Behaviour Policy
Review date	May 2025