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# **Uniform Policy**

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### Uniform Requirements

All pupils are required to wear a school uniform. It is important that the standard of uniform reflects a pride and sense of belonging to the Malet Lambert community.

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all pupils and any pupil whose uniform is not compliant must have a valid and dated note from their parent/carers placed in the uniform notes section of the planner. Where there is any uniform issue, all sections of the note should be completed and notes must have been written within the previous two weeks. This will reduce the chance of a **Respect Breach** sanction.

Members of the House Teams are available to assist in the short or long term loaning of uniform items.

It is our expectation that all pupils will wear the correct school uniform as follows:

Outer clothing	We recommend an inexpensive, waterproof coat. Hoodies and tracksuit tops are not permitted
Blazer	Must be a black blazer with the Malet Lambert school badge, however, a black school blazer can be purchased from any shop and a badge can then be purchased from our uniform suppliers 'Steady Schoolwear' which can then be attached to the blazer. Equally, the school uniform shop sells a blazer with the school badge already attached
White Shirt	Standard white cotton shirt with a stiff pointed collar (not open neck) to take a tie
Tie	House coloured tie to be worn at all times
An option of Black Trousers or Malet Lambert Skirt	<ul> <li>Formal, full length smart trousers which must fall below the ankle. Leggings/Capri pants/Jeans/denim/cargo/chino styles are not permitted</li> <li>New for the 2023/24 academic year – After consultation with governors, parents/carers and a pupil working group, we are pleased to offer an optional Malet Lambert skirt available in a variety of sizes from 'Steady Schoolwear'</li> <li>Pupils are no longer permitted to wear any other type of skirt, but the new skirts are not compulsory with black trousers still very much part of our uniform which can be bought from any retailer as long as they adhere to the description above</li> </ul>
Jumper (Optional)	Jumpers are optional but must be black with a Malet Lambert school badge. Hoodies, tracksuit tops, body warmers or fleeces are all prohibited items and will be confiscated if worn within the school building

## Uniform Expectations

Footwear	<ul> <li>Plain Black shoes or ankle boots, not trainers, with black or brown solid soles, which are uninterrupted in any way including with transparent sections (e.g. 'bubbles'.)</li> <li>Small decorative features such as stitching, buckles, tassels and bows that are integral to the footwear are permitted, but should be black</li> <li>Ankle boots with a flat or moderate heel are permitted; anything that can be defined as a high heel is not permitted.</li> <li>Parents and carers may wish to consider plasters, 'Compeed' or similar for their child if they are breaking in a pair of new shoes</li> </ul>
Jewellery/piercings	<ul> <li>Discreet necklaces are permitted but must be worn under clothing</li> <li>Pupils are permitted to wear one set of stud earrings - no hoops</li> <li>Facial piercings including eyebrows, the piercing of the septum, mouth or tongue piercings are <u>not</u> allowed</li> <li>Where a nose piercing already exists we do allow the wearing of a clear, flat retainer. However, we strongly discourage a pupil from getting any type of facial piercings as healing times are quite long and a pupil would be sanctioned if they refused to remove the piercing.</li> <li>Rings are not permitted</li> <li>If parents would like to discuss cultural and/or religious requirements which necessitate the wearing of jewellery, please get in touch</li> </ul>
Hair	<ul> <li>No extreme styles. Hair colour must be that commonly expected for a significant proportion of the child population - therefore no grey, red or green for example</li> <li>Non removable hair decorations or additions are not permitted unless for proven religious or cultural reasons about which we ask you to get in contact with us in advance</li> </ul>
Make up	Pupils are permitted to wear discrete make up. False eyelashes are not allowed
Nails	Nail colour must be natural

In the Summer term, tutors will share and remind all pupils of the uniform standards and expectations. This will be the case for all new pupils allocated to the school after this time.

#### Affordability and Choice

We are committed to ensuring that Malet Lambert pupils and parents can access affordable uniforms from a significant range of providers. We remain committed to regular reviews and stakeholder voice. The last parental consultation evening regarding uniform was in June 2023. As part of our transparent approach, we have produced a document to show costs and choices at a glance, including the cost of one full uniform for a Malet Lambert pupil. This can be viewed <u>here</u> and attached as Appendix 1.

We respect the need for parental choice as to where parent/carers purchase garments, which is why trousers can be purchased from anywhere, so long as they meet the uniform requirements. We have purposely made some items optional to save on expense. All of the major supermarket chains and clothes retailers offer great value school uniforms all year round but purchased uniform should always adhere to the above expectations.

We also offer to parents and pupils the opportunity for short and longer term loans of previously owned items of uniform, upon request. Furthermore, 'Steady Schoolwear' provides a saving scheme to assist families when uniform items need to be replaced.

We promote, but are entirely independent of, a project called 'RE: Uniform', which is all about recycling school uniforms to provide it to families in Hull for free. The project leader can be contacted using the contact information below.

Email: <u>trinitymethodisthull@gmail.com</u> Telephone: 01482 445203

#### Exemptions

As part of Malet Lambert's commitment to inclusion, pupils may be exempt from certain aspects of the uniform policy due to their religion/culture or medical condition. All requests will be considered on an individual basis and should in the first instance be discussed with the pupil's Head of House.



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