



Uniform Policy April 2023

In determining our uniform policy, we have aimed to balance cost, smartness, and uniformity. The number of compulsory branded items (or items available only from one supplier) has been considered. We want students to wear their uniform with pride and for there to be no discrimination between students in terms of household income.

If our care in selection of items is not sufficient to mitigate against difficulties caused by limited family finances, then the school can help by guiding parents/carers to second hand items or, in some circumstances, purchasing items.

1. General

1.1 All students are required to wear school uniform. The school colour is navy (black/ dark grey for trousers and grey tartan skirts).

2. School Uniform

2.1 We expect all our students to look and feel smart when they attend school. Students are therefore expected to wear their uniform in a smart manner, for example tucking their shirt into their trousers /skirt, their top buttons are to be done up.

2.2 Hair: Small, discrete, and safe decorations are acceptable. No artificial colour/bleach or temporary extensions/braiding or shaved designs in hair or eyebrows. Cultural braiding is acceptable. Hair styles should avoid any extremes of length (nothing shorter than grade 2) and design.

If students come to school with inappropriate hairstyles, parents/carers will be asked to have the hairstyle changed to an acceptable style. Until this is done, the student may spend time in Isolation from their peers. Please note: deciding which hairstyles are acceptable is the prerogative of the School's Senior Leadership Team.

3. School Uniform Specifications

3.1 Blazer: Navy blue with school badge on top pocket

Trousers: Black/charcoal tailored trousers with sharp crease and fitted into a waistband NOT chinos or jeans style, not skinny fitting/stretch material or leggings.

Skirt: MHS grey plaid skirt, available from Anglia Sports/Schoolwear NOT stretch material skirts.

Students can wear trousers or skirts

Jumper: Manningtree High School uniform jumper available from Anglia Sports and Schoolwear. Alternatively, plain knitted navy-blue V-neck jumper. Jumpers are optional.

Shirt: Plain white polyester/cotton with collar and cuffs, buttoned to the neck. Short sleeved white shirts are also acceptable, again buttoned to the neck. These are worn tucked into trousers/skirts.

Tie: Clip on tie purchased from Manningtree High School or Anglia Sports/Schoolwear.

Shoes: Traditional plain black leather business style shoes with low-heel.

Socks: Plain black, grey or white without embellishments/pattern

Tights: Plain natural or black.

3.2 Examples of the Manningtree High School Uniform



Boys Blazer



Girls Blazer



V Neck Sweater



Black Tailored Trousers



Pleated Skirt



Black tights or ¾ length black socks



3.3 Jewellery

Wristwatch, one plain ring. One plain ear stud in each ear lobe only.

No other body piercings are acceptable including, but not limited to upper ear, tragus, nose, lip, mouth, or tongue piercings.

3.4 Watches

Students may wear a wristwatch. Students may wear 'fitness' watches that measure steps and such like. Students may not wear any watch that has the capacity to do the following:

- connect to the internet;
- record audio;
- record still and/or moving images;
- record audio and still and/or moving images.

Students are not permitted to wear any watches if, in the school's judgement, they detract from good behaviour and/or good learning, or if it causes distraction, or causes a concern to the health and safety of the child or other individuals.

3.5 Badges

School issued badges may be worn – e.g. School Council.

3.6 Trainers

Trainers, in any colour, are not acceptable as part of school uniform (except during PE lessons).

3.7 Make up

Students are allowed to wear discreet make up. Any nail varnish must be nude/natural colour.

Long nails, acrylic or decorated nails are not permitted, and students will be asked to remove them or work in isolation until they are removed. Students will be asked to remove any make up or nail varnish that staff believe inappropriate for school.

Year 11 Uniform

Manningtree High School students who have consistently complied with the uniform code in Year 10 are offered the privilege of wearing a suit in Year 11.

Students may continue to wear school uniform in Year 11 if they so wish.

The wearing of a suit in Year 11 is still a uniform and students are required to follow this code:

Suit: Tailored suit jacket and matching trousers. Trousers and jacket must be of the same colour and fabric/material.

Shirt/Blouse: Suitable for a professional environment, no sleeveless or cap sleeve designs. No transparent fabric or cropped lengths.

Ties: Need to be worn with a shirt, optional with a blouse. Ties should be suitable for a professional environment.

Shoes: Smart black, dark grey or brown shoes. Business style with a low heel. Trainers, trainer-style shoes, fabric shoes, mules and sandals are not permitted.

Socks: Plain black, grey, or white without embellishments/pattern.

Tights: Plain natural or black.

Hair & Jewellery – Please see guidance under general school uniform above.

Please note:

- Waistcoats are permitted if they match the rest of the suit.
- Jumpers or cardigans can be worn under a suit jacket, but they must be a plain, knitted design without embellishment or logo. They must not hang below the suit jacket. Sweatshirts and hooded jumpers are not permitted.
- Suit jackets should be between waist and knee length.
- Denim, leather, faux leather, stretch fabric or zip tops are not permitted.

Students who fail to meet the above expectations risk having their suit privilege revoked.

4. Clothing for PE

4.1

Essential branded items:

MHS PE t-shirt with school logo

MHS rugby shirt or long sleeve top

MHS navy shorts

Optional branded items:

MHS jogging bottoms

MHS navy football socks for outdoor PE

MHS leggings

Essential non branded items:

Navy football socks for outdoor PE

Plain white socks for indoor PE

Plain navy socks for outdoor PE

Trainers white or black, suitable for indoor and outdoor PE

4.2 Hair

For safety reasons, long hair must be put up during P.E. lessons.

4.3 Example of acceptable PE kit



Navy base layer



School PE polo



Manningtree High School jogging bottoms



Manningtree High School Shorts and PE socks



Manningtree High School Sports Jersey (Essential)



Manningtree High School 1/4 Zip PE Sweatshirt

5. Purchase of Uniform

Anglia Sports and Schoolwear Limited

8 & 9 Brunel Business Centre

Gorse Lane Industrial Estate

Clacton on Sea

Essex

CO15 4QW

Telephone : 01255 474550

Website : www.yourschoolwear.co.uk

Appendix: Unacceptable clothing /hair



Skinny jeans/ leggings/ skirts
made from a stretch material



Trainers or plimsoles of any colour



Sweatshirts or hoodies of any colour



Patterned or brightly coloured tights/socks



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but not limited to upper ear, tragus, nose,
lip, mouth or tongue piercings.



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