



St Mary  
Magdalene  
Academy

# **DRESS AND UNIFORM POLICY FOR STUDENTS**

St Mary Magdalene Academy is a Christian community of learning. We aim to nurture young people to become high achievers and to discover their vocation in the global society.

“Show by a good life that your works are done by gentleness born of wisdom”  
James 3.13

## DRESS AND UNIFORM FOR STUDENTS - POLICY STATEMENT

### ST MARY MAGDALENE ACADEMY

<b>Approval Committee:</b>	<b>Full Governing Body</b>
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## 1.1 Introduction

The Governors have ruled that this is a uniform Academy. All students are therefore required to wear Academy uniform while at the Academy or on Academy visits. The Academy uniform is designed to be simple, economical and sensible. It is also designed to give the students a clear sense of belonging to the Academy and to remove competitive logo wearing from the Academy.

It is the Governors' and Staff's wish that the Academy is known to be an establishment where students comply with a common dress code. We expect the full support of parents/carers in maintaining the high standards set out in the Uniform Policy.

## 1.2 Aims/Purpose

The Academy Uniform for students should:

- be consistent: all students should be of similar appearance;
- be identifiable, and smart, giving a positive image of the Academy;
- be common to both boys and girls, as far as is reasonable;
- be simple and hence easy for parents/carers and staff to manage;
- keep cost to parents/carers as low as possible.

## 1.3 Primary school uniform

Primary school uniform consists of the following:

- black or navy trousers;
- black, navy or dark grey skirts or pinafore dresses;
- white polo shirt with the Academy badge;
- white Academy shirts, blouses or polo shirt (no T-shirts);
- blue checked gingham Academy-type dresses;
- royal blue Academy sweatshirt with badge;
- royal blue Academy cardigan with badge;
- plain navy or black jogging pants only (tracksuit trousers), but must not carry any logo;
- sensible footwear in which children can easily run around.

#### PE Kit:

- navy or black shorts;
- plimsolls/trainers;
- white Academy t-shirt with badge;
- Academy PE bag.

All children should wear an Academy sweatshirt/cardigan. No other form of sweatshirt, sweater or cardigan is permitted. You are therefore advised, when buying new uniform to purchase an Academy sweatshirt/cardigan. If the weather is very cold, children can wear a white t-shirt or vest underneath the white Academy polo shirt. Please make sure all garments, bags, plimsolls, etc. are clearly marked with your child's name.

### 1.4 Secondary Academy uniform

Secondary Academy uniform consists of the following:

#### 1.4.1 Girls' Compulsory Uniform:

- Academy blazer with House ribbon;
- grey knee length skirt or tailored grey trousers;
- white shirt with top button;
- Academy tie;
- socks or tights: black, grey, white or navy;
- plain black leather shoes.

#### 1.4.2 Boys' Compulsory Uniform

- Academy blazer with House ribbon;
- tailored grey trousers;
- white shirt with top button;
- Academy tie;
- black, grey or navy socks;
- plain black leather shoes.

### 1.5 Compulsory PE Kit for boys and girls in House colours (Europe - Yellow, Africa - Burgundy, Asia - Red, America - Green):

- Academy PE polo shirt;
- Academy PE shorts;
- Academy PE socks;
- Academy tracksuit top;
- plain navy jogger or tracksuit bottoms;
- trainers for PE with non-marking soles;
- shin guards;
- boys who play Enrichment rugby will need a mouthguard.

## 1.6 **Optional Uniform for Boys and Girls**

- 1.6.1 Plain navy or black overcoat (to be acceptable a logo which is no bigger than the Academy blazer badge).
- 1.6.2 Navy waterproof jacket – from Rough Cut Casuals, No. 7101 (can be worn in PE when it rains).
- 1.6.3 Academy jumper or Academy cardigan.
- 1.6.4 Boys may wear grey tailored Academy shorts in the summer term with black, grey or navy socks.

## 1.7 **Broad Guidelines**

- 1.7.1 Students in Years 7-11 will select from items of Academy uniform as published either on the Academy website or available on request from the Academy
- 1.7.2 Students in the Sixth Form are not required to wear uniform but must conform to the guidelines provided.

## 1.8 **Monitoring and Reviewing**

All staff are responsible for the implementation of the policy and the reporting of those students not conforming to the Head of Year or more senior staff with pastoral responsibility as appropriate.

## 1.9 **Uniform List**

The Uniform List shows all approved items of uniform, including those for Physical Education.

## 1.10 **Excluded Items**

The following items are **not** permitted:

- 1.10.1 sports shoes (e.g. trainers or football boots) other than in PE lessons;
- 1.10.2 high-heeled or stiletto-style shoes;
- 1.10.3 caps or hats;
- 1.10.4 scarves (other than plain navy, grey or black);
- 1.10.5 very short skirts;
- 1.10.6 boots, canvas shoes or leather „leisure-style“ shoes.

### 1.11 **Jewellery**

Only one simple necklace of recognised religious significance is permitted. One pair of small, plain stud earrings is allowed. Piercings of any other sort should be done at the beginning of the Academy Summer holidays and must be removed for Academy.

### 1.12 **Hair**

Hair colour should not be altered to such a degree that it is not of a natural colour. Extreme hair styles, including shaved patterns and designs are not appropriate for school.

### 1.13 **Religious Headscarves and Turbans**

These should be plain and of a colour in line with the Academy uniform: black, white, grey or navy blue.

### 1.14 **Make-up and Tattoos**

Make-up and nail varnish are not permitted. For health and safety reasons false nails are not permitted. Tattoos should be covered and not visible.

### 1.15 **Sanctions**

If the Academy deems a student's appearance inappropriate, the student may be sent home. Any student who refuses to remove, on request, an item which does not conform to the Dress and Uniform Policy will be refusing to follow instructions, and therefore dealt with in accordance with the Behaviour Policy.

### 1.16 **Shoes**

Boys and girls leather converse and other „leisure“ style shoes are not acceptable. Shoes should not be suede nor have studs. They should be polishable Academy shoes.

### 1.17 Outdoor Coats

- 1.17.1 Outdoor coats may not be worn in the building.
- 1.17.2 Outdoor coats must be navy blue or black and any logo should be no bigger than the SMMA badge on the Academy blazer.

### 1.18 Bags

Students should have a sturdy plain black or navy blue bag. Rucksack style bags are ideal. Logos should be no bigger than the SMMA badge on the blazer. Small bags, unable to hold an A4 book without bending and/or damage, are not permitted. Handbag-type bags, and those with studs and tassels are not appropriate.

### 1.19 Purchasing uniform

The Academy uniform can be purchased from Rough Cut Casuals, 16 Chapel Street, Islington N1 9EZ (020 7837 7924). Opening Times: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am-6pm, Thursday 10am-2pm, Sunday 10am-3pm. Buy online: [www.directAcademywear.co.uk](http://www.directAcademywear.co.uk) or [www.roughcutcasuals.com](http://www.roughcutcasuals.com).

### 1.20 Dress and Uniform

- 1.20.1 We know that the wearing of school uniform helps to develop pride in the Academy and that this feeling is reflected in standards of work, manners and behaviour of students.
- 1.20.2 We expect that all parents/carers will give the Academy their support by providing their sons and daughters with the Academy uniform, details of which are shown above. In appropriate cases, following an application from parents/carers, the Local Education Authority is authorised to make a grant to cover the cost of distinctive Academy clothing.