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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 unable to wear all elements of the school uniform as prescribed by this policy must have medical or SEND related reasons evidenced in writing by professionals in the relevant field of work, for example from an NHS professional. We understand that some professional may request payments for proof of medical conditions in which case please contact the school for a discussion.

Breaches of the uniform policy will be sanctioned as per the BfL policy

Members of the House Teams are available to assist in the short or long term loaning of uniform items. All such requests must be made by no later than 8 am on the day they are required via the live link within the uniform section of the website.

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

Outer clothing	We recommend an inexpensive, waterproof coat. Hoodies, body warmers / gillets and tracksuit tops are not permitted. Jackets can be worn when moving around the building but must be removed during lesson time, when seated at lunch time or when in an assembly.
Bag	All pupils must bring a bag capable of holding their planner, lesson resources and equipment as a minimum.
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. The school blazer is compulsory apart from in half term 6
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 and must move freely with the movement of the leg. Leggings/Capri pants/Jeans/denim/cargo/chino styles are not permitted</li> <li>An optional Malet Lambert skirt available in a variety of sizes from 'Steady Schoolwear'</li> <li>Pupils are not permitted to wear any other type of skirt, but the school skirts are not compulsory with black</li> </ul>

#### Uniform Expectations

	trousers still very much part of our uniform which can be bought from any retailer as long as they adhere to the description above
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
Black school shorts	These tailored shorts will be available to purchases and wear starting from Half Term 6 of 2024/25. The only permissible shorts are these ones
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 of any colour buckles, tassels and bows that are integral to the footwear are permitted</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>One single nose stud piercing is permitted.</li> <li>Facial piercings including eyebrows, the piercing of the septum, mouth or tongue piercings are <u>not</u> allowed</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
Nail Length	Nails need to be sufficiently short to prevent injury to self and others and allow full engagement in all aspects of the curriculum and school life, including PE.

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. 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 at 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: <a href="mailto:reuniform.trinity@gmail.com">reuniform.trinity@gmail.com</a>

#### 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.

#### **APPENDIX 1**





