

Meopham School

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Uniform - September

Dear parents and carers,

We hope this letter finds you well.

At Meopham School, we are committed to promoting a culture of high standards and expectations which our young people will take with them into adult life. As I am sure you will agree, the smartness with which one dresses and presents themselves makes a clear statement about their character and attitude. It is important we instil this value in our young people.

A smart and consistent uniform, including consistent guidelines on presentation, is very important to any school. It provides parity amongst all students; it inheres a strong sense of school identity and it ensures there is a culture of formality and pride in presentation.

As we prepare for the new school year, please remember to ensure your child is wearing the correct Meopham uniform in September. To maintain our high standards of uniform we do regular checks on our front gate, at line ups and generally around school. Please refer to the labelled uniform diagram which clearly shows our expectations. These uniform standards will be in place from day 1 of the return to school in September so we would ask that students please take the time during the summer to come back fully prepared, and with the correct uniform.

If you have any old or outgrown uniform items, or unwanted school books we would be grateful if these could be donated to the collection box in our Reception.

If students have an old style Meopham tie, we will exchange this for a new style Meopham tie when students return in September. (as per the pictures below).

Before we begin the new term we would like to make it clear moving forwards:

- **Summer blouses** are no longer part of the school uniform.
- Shirts with a top button must be worn with the **Meopham School tie** and the top button done up.
- School shoes must be **non-sports brands** and **plain black**. No trainers or shoes with sports logos are permitted.
- Skirts must be approaching the knee, and must not be rolled at the waist. We reserve the right to ask students to wear trousers where skirts are persistently worn at a length not approaching the knee.
- All students must now have a **school bag (i.e. rucksack style)** in which to carry the essential equipment they require for their lessons - this must be a **plain black bag**. As a minimum - students will require the following

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equipment: black or blue writing pens, a green pen, a ruler, a rubber, a scientific calculator and a pencil.

- Unnatural hair colours, inappropriate false nails/lashes, and piercings will not be considered acceptable uniform. **Please ensure your child does not have any of these by the end of the summer holidays. Failure to do so will result in time being spent out of circulation in SSP**

There is other guidance related to uniform and presentation contained in the diagram below. Please check this carefully before purchasing any items of uniform. If in doubt please contact Mr Wood at the email address below prior to purchasing an item.

In September, if a uniform issue cannot be rectified at the school gate, we will contact parents / carers to ask if they are able to either bring in the correct item of uniform, or are able to take the student from school in order to rectify the issue. The school has a limited supply of freshly laundered uniforms that it can lend to students on a temporary basis. In the event of a uniform issue that cannot be rectified, or where a reasonable solution is refused - students will be asked to work in our Student Support Provision until an alternative solution can be found.

Please see below details and links for purchasing of PE kit.

If families require financial support with the cost of uniform, the school will always be happy to support with this. Please email andrew.wood@swale.at for further information.

Thank you for your continued support to ensure all of our students adhere to the highest standards of presentation and contribute towards a mature and professional school environment.

Have a lovely summer!

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'H. Davies-Lane' and the second is 'A. Wood'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs H. Davies-Lane and Mr A. Wood
Assistant Headteachers - KS3 and KS4 Conduct and Welfare Leads

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Not permitted

- False eyelashes
- False nails
- Nail polish
- Earrings
- Facial piercings
- Rings
- Bracelets
- Necklaces

Tie - waist length

Black A-line, pleated skirt approaching knee length (Not stretch fabric or pencil style) **or** trousers (no jeans or fashion trousers)

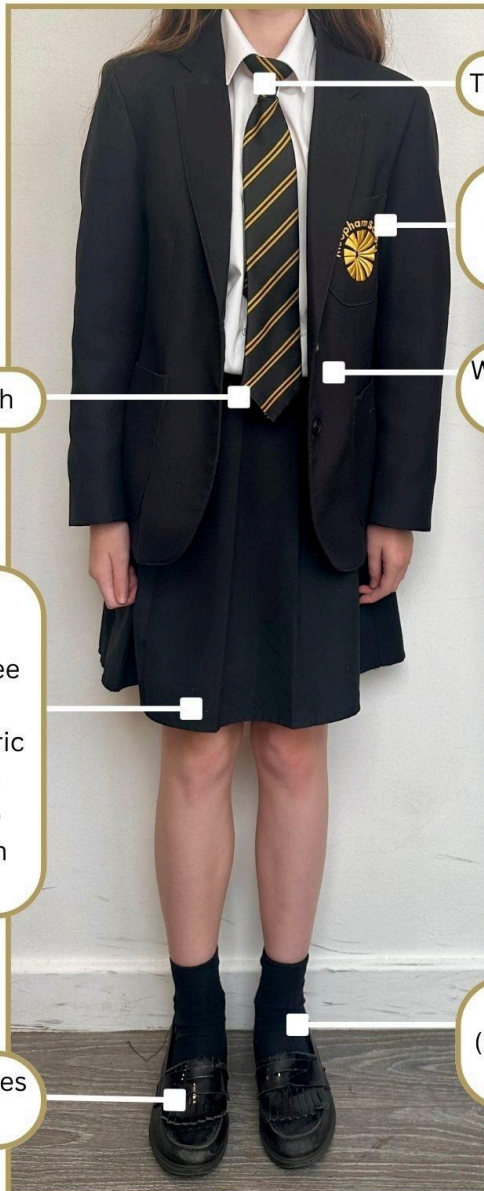
Black school shoes (not trainers)

Top button done up

Black blazer with Meopham School badge

White collared shirt tucked in

Plain black socks (no higher than the ankle) or tights



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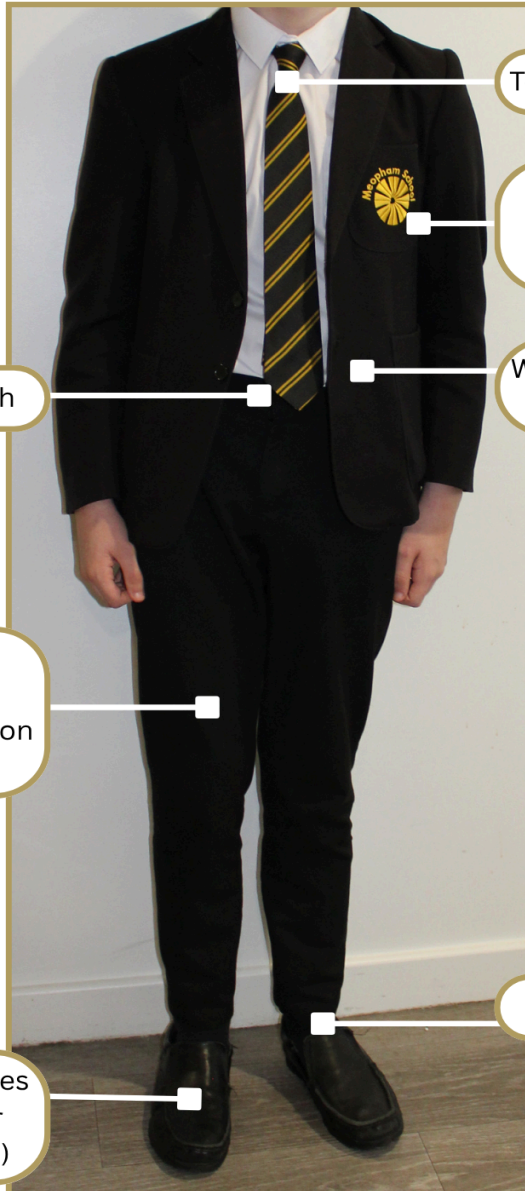
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White collared shirt tucked in

Tie - waist length

Black School trousers (no jeans or fashion trousers)

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Black school shoes (not trainers or sports branded)

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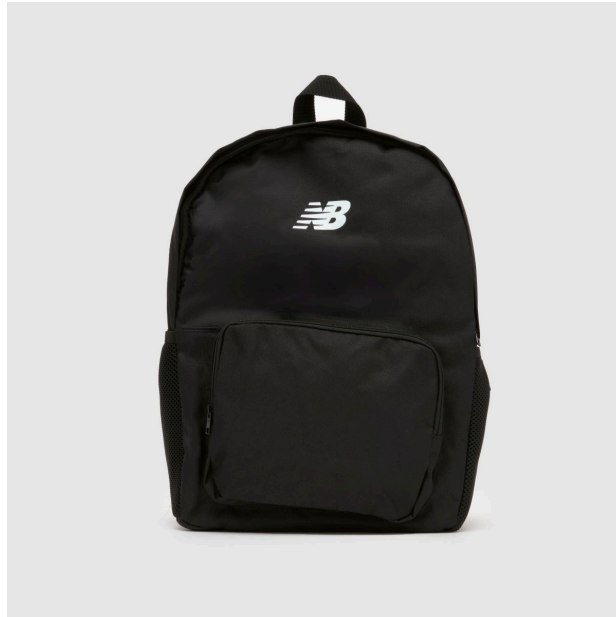
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Skirt options:

Monkouse offer 22 inch length skirts in a range of waist sizes. Students with smaller waist sizes may be able to wear a 20 inch length skirt, if it is knee-length:

<https://www.monkhouse.com/banner-designer-pleated-skirt-bk>

Next: <https://www.next.co.uk/style/su293080/b80770>

Links to skirts Marks and Spencer offer the following skirt in a range of sizes. The skirt is an appropriate length and has an adjustable waist. It has been specially designed to support students with sensory issues. It retails between £9-14:

<https://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-adaptive-skirt/p/clp60104235?color=BLACK>

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Mandatory PE kit purchases can be made through

<https://www.kitlocker.com/education/school/meopham-school>

- Official school PE T-shirt with the school logo. Must fit appropriately.
- Shorts: official school PE shorts with the school logo. Must fit appropriately.
- Footwear: appropriate sports trainers. Football boots for winter sports (long metal studs are not permitted).
- Socks: standard socks for indoor sports. Black football socks for football and rugby. Other items: shin pads, gum shields (for year 8-10 students who choose to do contact rugby).

PE Kit (optional) Official items come from Kitlocker online shop. Optional additional items (all items worn in PE must be part of the uniform range):

- Sweatshirt: official school PE 1/4 zip or round neck sweatshirt with the school logo. Rain jacket: official school PE rain jacket with the school logo.
- Joggers: official school PE joggers with the school logo.
- Leggings: official school PE leggings with the school logo. Grip socks: in dance and gymnastics lessons, students are required to go bare foot or have the option to wear appropriate grip socks for sport/physical activity.
- **Strictly not permitted:** hoodies; branded sportswear or clothing that is not part of our uniform range; clothing of colours other than black; clothing which does not fit appropriately; skorts; winter/school jackets/coats.