



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY 2025-26

This document provides details of the College Uniform requirements for students in Years 7-11.

For students in Years 12 and 13 please see the 6th form Dress Code information on the college website.

We want all students to take pride in their appearance and to recognise that they wear a uniform to show they are a valued part of the college community. Therefore, all students are required to meet College uniform requirements at all times, both in school and on the way to and from school.

It is not reasonable for parents/carers to ask us to make exceptions for their child as it undermines our high standards and ethos. We ask all parents and carers to read this policy carefully and ensure their child's uniform complies.

Please note all items of uniform are available from Whitehall Clothiers, 77 Camberwell Road, SE5 OZ Tel: 020 7703 3604

Both Whitehall Clothiers and St Michael's can provide help to any families who require support in purchasing uniform so please do contact us if you require financial assistance in this way. The college also has a second-hand uniform stockset up in conjunction with the 'Friends of St Michael's' parent group and the student Eco Committee to support families and promote sustainability.

Parents/Carers who wish to donate items for the second-hand uniform stock should drop them into the main reception and Parents/Carers who wish to access the second-hand uniform stock should contact their child's Leader of Learning in the first instance who will support with this.

We have moved recently to a new uniform to support with cost and reduced the branded items to the blazer, jumper and tie. All new Year 7 students, Year 8 and Year 9 students (25/26) are required to wear all of the new uniform, with students in current Year 10-11 (25/26) still in the transition period with minor changes introduced as we are mindful of money that has been already spent on uniform.

Uniform for students in Year 7, 8 and 9 in September 2025

- Grey Trousers or Grey Kilt (same shade of grey as blazer) Both items are only available from Whitehall Clothiers. In relation to the kilt there should be no extremes of length. Students who choose to wear kilts are not permitted to roll up the waistband of their kilts and the kilt must be knee length or longer.
- White shirt with top button and House tie. (ties can only be purchased for new Year 7 on parent pay and will be distributed at the start of the new term)
- Grey v- necked jumper with blue trim, only available from Whitehall Clothiers
- Grey Blazer with College Badge and blue trim – only available from Whitehall Clothiers.
- Black socks ankle or knee length or Black tights (**no white socks and no over the knee socks**)
- Black/ Navy/Dark Grey Coat **-no other colours, patterns or logos allowed**. Outdoor hats must be plain black, navy or grey. Coats, hats, scarves and shawls/wraps are not allowed to be worn inside the college building.
- Formal Black Leather Shoes (NOT trainer style or boots) with black soles, black laces (if lace ups) and all black stitching.
- No Jewellery of any type is allowed- students are also not permitted to wear jewellery to and from school.
- TRAINERS OF ANY COLOUR MAY NEVER BE WORN AT OR TO AND FROM THE COLLEGE (unless for certified medical reasons – proof will be required).
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Uniform for students in Years 10-11 in September 2025

Grey Trousers or Grey Kilt (same shade of grey as blazer) Both items are only available from Whitehall Clothiers. In relation to the kilt there should be no extremes of length. Students are not permitted to roll up the waistband of their kilts and the kilt must be knee length or longer.

- White Shirt with a top button.
- Clip on tie in House colours
- Grey Cardigan or new Grey V necked jumper with blue trim only available from Whitehall Clothiers. Students are not permitted to tie up their cardigans/jumpers at the back.
- Grey Blazer – with College Badge – only available from Whitehall Clothiers.
- Black socks ankle or knee length or Black tights. (**no white socks and no over the knee socks**)
- Black/ Navy/Dark Grey Coat **-no other colours, patterns or logos allowed**. Outdoor hats must be plain black, navy or grey. Coats, hats, scarves and shawls/wraps are not allowed to be worn inside the college building.
- Formal Black Leather Shoes (NOT trainer style or boots) with black soles, black laces (if lace ups) and all black stitching.
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As students in Year 10-11 grow out of the current uniform, items can be replaced with the new uniform e.g., V-necked jumper and blazer with blue trim that had been introduced in September 2023.

School Bags for all students in Years 7-11

- **All students in Years 7-11** must have the official St Michael's School bag bought from Whitehall Clothiers with their name written on the name label. No other bags will be allowed in these year groups.

PE Kit

PE kit requirements are the same for all students and items are available from Whitehall Clothiers

- St Michael's PE sport shirts
- St Michael's PE 1/4 zip sweatshirt.
- Navy Shorts or Navy tracksuit bottoms (leggings and cycling shorts are NOT allowed **please note this is becoming an issue and the PE dept will be enforcing the navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms only rule from Sept 24 due to continuous issues that have arisen re: cycling shorts/leggings**)
- Trainers (no pumps, converse etc.)
- Pupils should bring their own roll-on anti-perspirant. Aerosols are not permitted as they cause problems for those with asthma and interfere with fire alarm systems.
- If students forget their P.E. Kit it will result in students receiving a negative mention on their record. Pupils will be expected to borrow a clean P.E. Kit from the P.E. Department which must be washed and returned to the P.E. Department promptly.
- All pupils at St Michael's are expected to take part in P.E. unless there is medical evidence to excuse them.
- All children who are selected for college teams will be expected, if required, to play on Saturday mornings and after college hours during the week.

Equipment

- All pupils must have a ballpoint pen, pencil, eraser, ruler and geometry set and a small scientific calculator.

Additional information

- All items of uniform should be clearly marked with the students' name.
- Caps and non-winter hats are banned at all times.
- Make-up (including lip gloss) nail varnish and false nails are not to be worn by any student.
- Jewellery is not allowed at all and cannot be worn whilst travelling to, from or at college, including earrings. This applies to all students. Jewellery and any other unauthorised items will be confiscated and returned to parents/guardians at the end of each college term. We do not allow students to cover piercings with plasters/use clear plastic studs to protect piercings. Therefore, students will be required to remove any piercings. Students are advised to have any piercings done at the start of the summer holiday to allow enough time for healing and earrings etc. to be removed before the start of term.
- Wristwatches are permitted but **smart watches are not allowed** as this would be the same as allowing students to have a phone with them which is switched on all day.
- Mobile phones if brought to college should be switched off before entering the school

site and must not be switched back on or used until the pupil has left the college site. Students who do not follow these requirements or breach the online safety policy will have the right to bring a phone to college revoked.

College Hair Policy

The College hair policy has been informed by student, staff, parent and governor feedback to ensure our policies reflect and are supportive of the diversity of our college community.

Parents and carers are asked to read the policy carefully and go through it with their child so that everyone is clear about expectations. It is not fair to expect the college to make an exception for your child unless there is a specific medical reason.

- Students' hair should remain as close to their current natural hair colour as possible, e.g. blond hair should not be dyed black and black hair should not be dyed red. Streaked, two tone or unnaturally coloured hair/braids, e.g. purple or blue, or exaggerated hair styles, e.g. Mohican are not permitted.
- For health and safety reasons students with hair that is shoulder length or longer must have their hair tied back in PE, Science and any practically active lessons and hair/fringes should not fall across students' eyes making it difficult for them to see or fully participate in lessons. Also, for health and safety reasons hair should be no longer than waist length.
- Afro-textured hair can be worn in all styles including, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals and weaves (in line with the 'Halo Code') but should be one natural colour. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.
- Students are not permitted to have their heads shaved all over (skinhead/0.5 or less all over) and lines (including false partings) and patterns are not allowed to be shaved into eyebrows or hair.
- In years 7-11 hair accessories for all students e.g. hairbands, headbands, ribbons, slides, etc. must be black. Please note headbands should be narrow and glass or plastic beads are not allowed for health and safety reasons.
- In the 6th form all hair accessories and head scarves etc. must be black, navy or grey in line with the 6th form dress code colours.
- Information from the Halo Collective has also been used to inform our hair policy and we have adopted the Halo code. More information can be found here: <https://halocollective.co.uk/halo->

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Signed:



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Chair of Curriculum Committee

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