

Saint Martin's Catholic Academy



Uniform Policy

*'Knowing the best that has been thought
and said and knowing that we are loved by God'*

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Uniform and Appearance

At Saint Martin's Catholic Academy we expect all pupils to be impeccably behaved, their school uniform is an extension of this expectation; all pupils are expected to take pride in their uniform and strictly follow the uniform guidelines noted below.

Should parents/carers have genuine difficulty in providing full uniform, we will be pleased to discuss the matter in confidence.

A uniform is very important for instilling pride as well as supporting positive behaviour and discipline. It also encourages identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensuring students feel a part of the Saint Martin's community. A uniform also protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; it nurtures cohesion as well as promoting good relations between different groups of students. Saint Martin's Catholic Academy takes pride in the appearance of students.

All students are expected to appropriately wear the full Academy uniform from the moment they leave their home in the morning until they arrive home in the afternoon. Students are representing the Academy at all times and should be proud to be part of our school community. Any student not adhering to the uniform policy will receive uniform demerits and, depending on the persistence/severity of the breach, sanctions. Such sanctions would typically take the form of detentions, the length/number of which would be determined by the frequency of the student's uniform breaches, their compliance in addressing the uniform issue and the capacity for the issue to be addressed in the moment. For example, a student might receive a short lunch detention for persistently having their shirt untucked, while a student who comes to school in trainers and leaves their shoes at home could be removed from circulation during break and lunch time. A student who persistently refuses to come to school in the correct uniform could be sent home until such time as they comply with the school's uniform requirements, though this would always be the measure of last resort.

The uniform list is below. If there are any queries please feel free to contact the school for clarification.

Girls

Skirt – Black full pleated skirt – knee length

Trousers – plain black trousers, non-lycra, straight legged, loose-fitting

Blouse – white with collar

Tights – black (No less than 60 Denier), no socks

Boys

Trousers - Black, academy type, loose fitting.

Shirt - White with collar

Socks – Black only (not sport/trainer socks)

Boys & Girls

Academy Blazer (Supplied by Swifts and Hole in the Wall)

Tie – Academy colours (Supplied by Swifts and Hole in the Wall)

Jumper – Black V-neck jumper (no sweatshirt material)

Coat/Anorak – Plain navy/black coats or slogans. Students are welcome to wear fluorescent safety attachments on dark nights. (All coats must be removed once indoors)

Bag for Academy books, folders and equipment

Shoes – Plain black leather, academy type, patent leather shoes are also allowed. MUST BE POLISHABLE. Black Trainer style shoes are not permitted.

Blouses and shirts must be tucked in at all times. Ties done up properly. Blazers worn always unless permission is given to remove.

*New kit is mandatory for Year 7 intake 2025 and expected when replacing kit in other year groups.

BOYS CORE PE KIT – must have initials on all kit

Mandatory

*Black with white piping SM shorts
*Royal blue (with black and white piping) SM polo shirt
Royal blue SM hoodie
Plain royal blue football socks
Trainers
Football boots

Optional

Black SM tracksuit bottoms
Shin pads

GIRLS CORE PE KIT – must have initials on all kit

Mandatory

*Black with white piping SM skort/shorts
*Royal blue (with black and white piping) SM polo shirt
Royal blue SM hoodie
Plain royal blue socks
Trainers
Football boots
Pack of hair bobbles (to be kept in PE Bag)

Optional

SM leggings
Shin pads

Optional GCSE PE Kit

All tops come with the SM Logo, GCSE PE and initials upon request

Adidas Blue Tee
Adidas Black Shorts
Adidas Blue Training Jacket

GCSE PE Kit is to be ordered from Liss Sport

Core PE Kit from Hole In The Wall or Swifts

All PE Kit **MUST** have initial on. This **MUST** be done at Hole in the Wall.

Jewellery of any description may **not** be worn in school, including earrings and other piercings. Stretchers should not be worn even in holiday time as the holes they produce will be an obvious health and safety issue when in school. Watches may be worn (no Smart watches).

Hair styles- Extreme/unconventional hairstyles, including unnatural colours and extreme differences between lengths, are not permitted - no tram marks and nothing less than a No 2 haircut is permissible.

No make-up is allowed. The tinting of eye brows and eye lashes or false eye lashes etc are also not allowed. False nails or nail varnish must not be worn in the Academy. If make-up or nail varnish is used students will be asked to remove them. Acrylic or gel nails are not allowed for health and safety reasons.

The Principal will be the final arbiter of what counts as 'extreme': students will be reminded regularly during assemblies.

Saint Martin's values and recognises the diversity of cultures, religions and disabilities of its students and will take a sensitive approach when this affects dress requirements.

Should parents/carers have genuine difficulty in providing full uniform, the Principal will be happy to discuss the matter in confidence and we are committed to encouraging a good quality second hand market for uniform.