

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

BLAZERS	must be worn at all times (Years 7-10). Only college uniform may be worn under the blazer. Students are only allowed to remove blazers in class with permission of their teacher.
HATS/CAPS	may not be worn inside college buildings or on college grounds.
BAGS	need to be strong and large enough to hold A4 folders and PE kit. No tiny fashion bags.
COATS	may not be worn in college. No denim jackets/coats, 'hoodies', sweatshirts (except Year 11 uniform sweatshirt with college badge on) or similar items may be worn to, from or at college.
SHIRTS/TIE	shirts tucked in, plain white, no motifs. The only tie acceptable for year 7 in September 2011 will be a clip on tie. This is only available from Bispham clothing or Ragamuffins . There will be a small replacement supply at St Mary's. Open necked blouse (girls) – summer term only.
SKIRT	grey kilt only, reasonable length eg: upto a maximum of 10 cm above the top of the knee.
TROUSERS	BOYS Tailored mid-dark grey or tailored black trousers. Not jeans, not chinos, not cords. GIRLS Badged trousers only (available from Bispham clothing or Ragamuffins).
SHOES	sensible black shoes. Boots not permitted. Heels must not be high (less than 6 cm) on safety grounds (no platforms). No trainers or black pumps in class/school (except PE) Canvas pumps are not acceptable or any shoe that resembles a black trainer.
SOCKS	girls may wear black tights in winter or plain white or black knee length socks. No over-the-knee socks or socks worn over the knee.
MAKE-UP	No makeup, no fake tan, no false nails, no nail varnish, no tattoos.
HAIR	Students may only have one natural hair colour. No excessive styles, shaved heads (as a general guide a "Number 2" is the shortest permissible cut), shave lines, steps, mohicans etc. No coloured hair braids/hair jewellery/hair extensions. Students are not allowed to come to college with sections of their eyebrows shaven. For hygiene and/or safety reasons long hair must be tied back with a plain bobble/headband during Science, PE, Technology, Engineering and Art. No other hair accessories may be worn.
JEWELLERY	One pair of plain gold or silver ear studs (one in each ear lobe). No other items of jewellery or piercings may be worn to College.

The college reserves the right to confiscate items that do not conform to its Uniform Code (eg: jewellery, caps). These will be stored safely and will be returned to students at 3.10 p.m. on a Friday after school from the college office. If a student has an item confiscated that is of significant value then the college will return it to a parent on request. For security reasons the parent must collect it personally (proof of identity will be required).



St. Mary's Catholic College

"Specialists in Maths & Computing"



Uniform and Appearance

St. Mary's approach to maintaining high standards

Parents' update with effect from 1st June 2011

WE COME HERE TO LEARN

St. Mary's is a place for learning. This simple truth is recognised and supported by parents, students and staff. Parents chose St. Mary's because they wanted their children "to grow in wisdom, understanding, self-esteem and closeness to God". For young people to be able to learn effectively they must be able to study in a calm, orderly and well-disciplined environment. When home and College work together, sharing the same values and insisting on high standards in all things, young people feel safe, secure and ready to learn.



This leaflet focuses on Uniform and Appearance. It is one of a series of information leaflets for parents and students to give them an insight into St. Mary's community. The aim of the leaflets is to ensure St. Mary's remains a secure, caring community with "a clear focus on learning".

UNIFORM & APPEARANCE

St. Mary's students show a very high standard of uniform. Uniform gives a sense of belonging and identity to our students. It is an outward sign of the high standards they expect of themselves. We believe that the individuality of our young people is reflected in the richness and depth of their characters and personalities not in their clothes or hairstyles. For this reason the college expects all students to wear our uniform correctly and in full.

Parents and staff are expected to ensure our uniform code is adhered to.

Our uniform and additional notes on appearance are distributed at least once a year to parents and copied into homework diaries. The college monitors the quality of students' uniform continuously and audits the quality of every child's uniform at least annually. In this way we aim to help young people develop a sense of pride in themselves and a growing self-worth.

We all know that first impressions count – by maintaining high standards of uniform we hope to help prepare our students for the world of work and the expectations of future employers.

Adjustments to college uniform occur from time to time and additional clarity is added to our "Guidance for Parents". We try to ensure that any amendments/additions are communicated to parents with sufficient advance notice. We are conscious of the financial pressures on families and keep our uniform requirements as practical as possible. If in doubt about our uniform standards please contact your child's Head of Year, in writing, or on (01253) 396286 prior to purchasing any items.

UNIFORM

COMPULSORY ITEMS – BOYS

Black blazer with college badge (Yrs 7-10)
College clip on tie
White shirt
Dark grey/black trousers
Black shoes

COMPULSORY ITEMS – GIRLS

Black blazer with college badge (Yrs 7-10)
College clip on tie
White shirt
Grey kilt or trousers (only available from
Bispham clothing or Ragamuffins)
Black shoes
White/black socks

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Grey sweater with college trim
White summer blouse

Year 11 students may wear the college's V-necked sweatshirt with the college badge on and the Year 11 tie (these can only be purchased from the College).

Shoes should be of a sensible style bearing in mind the pupil will be moving around a building with many staircases. Trainers will not be acceptable footwear.

PE KIT

COMPULSORY ITEMS – BOYS

Red aertex polo shirt
Royal blue football shorts
Red and Blue rugby shirt, reversible
Blue St Mary's socks
White trainers (non-marking soles)
Football boots
White socks

COMPULSORY ITEMS – GIRLS

Red aertex polo shirt
Royal blue football shorts
Blue St Mary's socks
White socks
White trainers (non-marking soles)

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Red sweatshirt	}
Blue jogging trousers	} only available from the College
St Mary's Badged Rainproof Tracksuit	}

Royal Blue PE Skirt if representing a college team
Towels are required for all sports activities.

Shin pads are compulsory for Soccer and Hockey fixtures and are strongly recommended for Soccer and Hockey training. Gum shields are strongly recommended for Hockey and Rugby training and fixtures.

A label with the pupil's name must be placed clearly on each item.