
Uniform Policy

The McAuley Catholic High School



Approved by: Mr J Rooney - Headteacher

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Our school uniform is a sign that students belong to our school community; it should be worn in a clean, smart and business-like manner. This gives a clear message about a student's attitude to school and learning

There are choices about what items of uniform are worn by our students, the diagram below helps to explain those choices.

Uniform 2022/23



UNIFORM CHOICES

White Shirt tucked in & School Tie



McAuley Polo Shirt-tie not required

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Trousers must be black. NOT jeans, leggings or jeggings. Skirts must be grey pleated of appropriate length

FOOTWEAR: Must be black.
NO trainers, boots or obvious logos

Uniform Guidance	
Shirt/Blouse	A traditional school shirt/blouse must be worn with a standard formal collar.
Polo Shirt	A McAuley grey polo shirt with the school logo.
Blazer or Fleece	Pupils have the option of either a fleece or traditional blazer. Either can be worn but must have the school logo.
Skirt	Only grey pleated skirts are allowed. must fit closer to the knee than the hip and should not be rolled up at the waist.
Trousers	Tailored black trousers only. Trousers must be traditional school trousers made from tailored fabric. They must not be cotton, denim or similar. They must not be jeans style, skinny or jogging style. Leggings are not permitted. The pockets must be traditional, not stitched e.g. jeans style. The school reserves the right to judge if the trousers are 'school trousers' and not 'fashion' trousers. They must be of an appropriate length, covering the ankle.
Footwear	All footwear should be black leather or leather type material that is able to be polished. No other materials permitted e.g. suede, canvas.
Make Up	Discrete make up may be worn. False Eye Lashes are not permitted. Please understand it will ultimately be the senior leadership's call on whether or not your make-up is determined to be appropriate.
Nails	These must be a natural colour only . NO coloured nail varnish.
Jewellery	Ear studs (a maximum of one per ear). Piercings will have to be removed for the duration of certain lessons for health and safety reasons. For instance, PE, Technology, Drama One simple nose stud is allowed. It may have to be removed for the duration of certain lessons for health and safety reasons. For instance, PE, Technology, Drama Necklaces but these should be worn under shirts/blouses. This is a safety issue. Please understand it will ultimately be the senior leadership's call on whether or not your jewellery is determined to be appropriate.

Hair	Smart appearance. NO extreme fashion statements. NO unnatural colours. “Number two” minimum length. Hair Accessories/Adornments Plain single colour, discreet bobbles, scrunchies and clips may be worn to keep hair neat and tidy.
Jumpers	Grey v – neck only.
Bags	School bags should be backpacks and be sturdy and waterproof. The minimum size should be able to accommodate an A4 folder. NO denim. NO handbags.

The Senior Leadership Team will have the final say on what is deemed appropriate uniform and dress. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the school directly.

Under guidance from the Department for Education, any school is allowed to send students home for uniform infringements.

Sixth Form Uniform

Please observe the guidance below when buying uniform. Clothing described as ‘school wear’ in the shops may not conform to the Uniform Guidance so keep your receipts! Sixth Form ties are available for purchase via the sixth form office (£8.00).

A Sixth Form Lanyard and ID badge must be worn at all times. The first issue is free. Replacement cards are £5 each thereafter.

Item	Allowed	Not allowed
Sweaters/ cardigans	Plain black, v-neck or cardigan or red Sixth Form Form branded hoodies.	Sports logos, designer badges, round neck sweaters.
Blouses and shirts	Plain white, buttoned to the collar and tucked in at all times.	Pleated, sports or casual blouses, slogans, messages or emblems.
Shoes	Plain black only , leather or similar material that can be polished. No other materials permitted e.g. suede, canvas.	Suede, canvas, converse, trainers, boots, stilettos, ballet pumps, obvious studs or logos, open-toed or backless.
Ties	Clip on, plain, red with school crest. Must be worn correctly at all times.	Clipped onto a lower button
Trousers	Plain black classic style.	Denim, joggers, jeggings, bootleg, combat, stretch/skin tight fabric, linen, accessories, extremes of length or width.
Socks	Plain black ankle or short length only.	Knee length socks – the ‘long socks short skirt’ look is not appropriate!

Earrings	Discreet, <u>one</u> pair in lobes of <u>both</u> ears. Piercings may have to be removed in some lessons for health and safety reasons. eg, PE, Technology, Drama	Stretchers or bars, extreme sizes e.g. hoops
Facial Piercings	One simple nose stud is allowed	Any other facial piercings eg through lips, eyebrows, bullrings, nose loops etc
Jewellery	Necklaces worn under shirts or blouses.	Multiple rings
Nails	Discreet , natural colour preferred	Nail extensions
Belts	Plain black.	Large buckles, accessories or logos.
Badges	School badges only	
Hair	Smart business-like. Min length #2. Dyed hair can only be of natural colour	Extreme fashion statements
Headgear	For medical or religious purposes only. Any bobbles, scrunchies, clips etc to be discreet, single colour.	'Fashion items', bunny ear style headbands, headgear worn for 'look' rather than practical purposes
Outdoor gear	Practical coats or jackets to protect against the weather.	Hoodies, corduroy, leather or denim jackets.
Bags	Practical e.g. to take A4 folders and text books. Backpacks preferred.	'Fashion items' or obvious logos.
Skirts	Smart plain black, 'business-like'. must fit closer to the knee than the hip and should not be rolled up at the waist.	Accessories, full length zips, fashioned belts, skin tight or stretch fabric, miniskirts, peplum, 'puffers' or 'tulips'
Tights	Plain black, grey or natural.	Patterns or footless tights.
Make - up	Must be discreet.	False Eye Lashes.

The Sixth Form and School Leadership Teams have the final say on the suitability of any item of clothing, jewellery, make-up or hairstyle etc. Students will be expected to accept any judgement made and rectify any issues ASAP eg borrow/buy a replacement, remove inappropriate items etc.