



Uniform Policy

Assistant Principal | September 2026

Mission Statement

Minsthorpe Community College: A place where everyone plays a part in strengthening our learning community through **Motivation, Commitment and Care.**

This document must be read in conjunction with the College's Policies and relevant DfE Guidance:

- Uniform Expectations Power Point
- Uniform expectations Leaflet



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Section 1

Introduction

Section 1.1

This policy sets Minsthorpe Community College's ethos in terms of College uniform, gives a clear description of the uniform expectations and includes practical information regarding the borrowing and purchasing of uniform.

The college has made the decision to not have a long and exhaustive policy about College uniform. Instead, we have a short leaflet with the basic requirement of our College uniform which is mailed out annually to parents/carers. In addition, we have a detailed presentation with photographs which students receive both through assemblies and online. Parents/carers parents can view the presentation for themselves on the College website.

Section 2

Guiding Principles

Section 2.1

A College uniform is important because it creates an atmosphere of belonging. It signals to students that Minsthorpe Community College is a learning environment and that it is separate to other aspects of their life. Different rules apply and different expectations of how they behave and relate to one another also apply. At Minsthorpe Community College, we refer to these expectations as BE FAIR Everywhere. BE FAIR Everywhere leads to a safe, calm, orderly and supportive environment at Minsthorpe Community College which is supported by the wearing of the college uniform.

Section 2.2

- Students wear their uniform with care and pride to represent the College.
- Our College uniform should be affordable. Any parent who is struggling with costs should approach the College and we will always endeavour to support them.
- The policy aligns with the DfE Statutory Guidance 'Cost of School Uniforms' in terms of limiting the number of compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to four.

The four compulsory, branded items are the blazer, the tie, the PE polo shirt and the PE shorts.

- We make it our aim to make College uniform as accessible as possible to everyone, regardless of sex, ethnicity, age, religion or disability.
- The uniform policy should be easy to understand.
- The College organises nearly new uniform supplies for parents/carers.
- The College policy and the two accompanying documents are ratified by the College Governors with the above principles in mind.
- The College maintains the right to make decisions about the suitability of clothing, hairstyles and makeup.

Section 3

Uniform Expectations

Section 3.1

Blazers

- Blazers must be formal and black.
- This may be a branded blazer or a high street blazer with the College badge sewn on.
- Fitted blazers are not allowed.
- Blazers must be worn at all times, unless staff give permission to remove them.

Trousers

- Trousers must be plain black, smart with a zip and button at the waistband.
- Proper full length trousers only, i.e. jeans, jeggings and leggings are NOT allowed.

Skirts

- Skirts are optional
- Skirts must be a branded Minsthorpe skirt.
- The logo must be visible & the waistband must not be rolled over.

Shirts/blouses

- Shirts should have a stiff collar.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Ties

- A branded College tie in the appropriate colour must be worn at all times.
- Year Group Ties 2025/26
 - Year 7 – Gold
 - Year 8 – Sky Blue
 - Year 9 – Maroon
 - Year 10 – Dark Blue
 - Year 11 - Green
- There is a choice of stockists, including the College.

Jumpers/Cardigans (optional)

- If worn, this must be a plain, black and unbranded.
- This must be worn underneath the blazer.

Outdoor Wear

- A coat or hoodie may be worn over the blazer outside of lessons.
- Students must take down their hood on the College site.
- A woollen hat may be worn outside in cold weather.

Footwear

- Shoes/short ankle boots must be black.
- No trainers/pumps/crocs/canvas/ trainer-style shoes.
- No heels.

Hair & Makeup

- Hairstyles should be a sensible style and suitable for the formal setting of College with colours of natural tones and shades, similar to the student's normal hair colour.
- Extreme hairstyles including shaved lines and brightly coloured hair are not allowed.
- Hair accessories must be black or white, not bright colours.
- Students may wear makeup of a reasonable/modest nature in natural tones and shades.
- Overly long nails are unsafe and impractical. Nails (both natural and false) need to be of reasonable length, slightly over the end of fingertips at most.
- False eyelashes and eyelash extensions of any kind and thick eyeliner are not allowed.

Jewellery

- Students may wear a wristwatch (although this will need to be removed in GCSE examinations and in practical PE lessons).
- They may also wear one small pair of gold, silver or diamante studs in the ear lobes (these will need to be removed in practical PE lessons). Earrings must not be larger than the earlobe. Other earrings, other body piercings and jewellery are banned.

The above uniform applies at all times of year.

The Principals will make temporary changes to the required uniform in the event of extreme weather.

Section 4

Potential issues with Uniform

Section 4.1

Students who cannot wear the correct uniform for medical reasons (short term) must supply medical evidence. The College will put in place a risk assessment and/or reasonable adjustments, as appropriate.

College will lend clean uniform items to students, if necessary. College will also offer students a chance to rectify uniform issues, such as, false nails, eyelashes and piercings. If a student refuses to rectify these issues or wear the supplied uniform, they will be required to work in the Removal Room for that day.

After the day in the Removal Room given for refusal, the College expects parents / carers to resolve the uniform issue in liaison with the College before the student returns to College. Students will be expected to stay at home until the issue is rectified. This absence will be unauthorised.

If in any doubt, please check with the Head of Year before making purchases/changes to hairstyles, makeup, nails etc. Be aware items identified as 'school uniform' or 'Back to School' in shops may not be accepted.

Students will not go into mainstream lessons until they have the correct uniform/hair/nails/eyelashes/piercings.

Banned items of jewellery and mobile phones will be confiscated. Students need to collect confiscated items from The Hub at the end of the College day.

Students who persistently refuse to adhere to Minsthorpe Community College's Uniform Policy will be sanctioned in line with the Behaviour Policy.

Section 5

PE Uniform

Section 5.1

All students must wear correct PE uniform. A note from a parent/carer must be produced if there is a medical problem that means a student cannot do physical activity. However, students will still be expected to change into their PE kit and contribute to the lesson. The College will lend a clean kit if a student forgets theirs. Students who refuse to wear clean kit provided by the College will be sanctioned.

PE and Sports Kit

- Navy polo shirt with Minsthorpe Logo.
- Navy shorts with Minsthorpe Logo.
- Sports trainers and sports socks.
- Suitable footwear for activities on grass.
- Shin pads are recommended.
- Optional navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings (with Minsthorpe Logo).
- Optional navy hoodie with Minsthorpe Logo.

All jewellery must be removed for practical PE lessons. Students will have bare feet for gymnastic lessons. Gym socks are not permitted.

Section 6

College Equipment

Section 6.1

We expect all students to 'Be Ready to Learn' by bringing the equipment listed below to College every day.

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator
- Reading book
- Knowledge Organiser (appropriate year groups only)
- Knowledge Organiser Workbook (appropriate year groups only)

This equipment should be carried in a bag.

Students can borrow a library book from the College's Library Learning Centre. College provides every student in the relevant year groups with a Knowledge Organiser each half term and a Knowledge Organiser workbook each year.

If a student forgets items of equipment, College is able to lend these to allow learning to continue. Home will be contacted for students who repeatedly forget equipment. Replacement Knowledge Organisers and workbooks can be bought via the online app / The Hub.

Section 7

Stockists of Minsthorpe Community College Uniform

Section 7.1

Minsthorpe Governing Body have adopted a College uniform which is affordable for parents/carers. We have four compulsory Minsthorpe-branded items. Most items, can be purchased at high street stores.

College ties (£6) and blazer badges (£1) are also available at The Hub.

The branded blazer, tie and PE polo shirt and shorts are available at the stockists listed below.

Graham Briggs School Outfitters Contact: 07944 825103 Email: mattbriggs74@gmail.com
This stockist will visit your home to fit/ size up your Year 7 starter and deliver uniform.

Better & Bright 19 Salter Row, Pontefract, WF8 1BA
Contact: 07486 140776 Email: info@betterandbrightschoolwear.co.uk
www.betterandbrightschoolwear.co.uk

Smart Uniforms, 20 The Springs, Wakefield , WF1 1QA
Contact: 01924 366633 Email: info@smartuniforms.co.uk
Website: www.smartuniforms.co.uk

Parents/carers should contact College if they face difficulties buying the College uniform.
Pupil Premium funding and/or second-hand uniform are available to support families.

Final Section

Equality Assessment

This policy has been assessed with regard to its impact on equalities issue, with specific reference to the aims of the Equality Act 2010. The equality impact assessment focused on race, gender, disability, pregnancy and maternity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and religion/belief.

Updates 2026

Section 2 – Point 2, Paragraph 3

Section 3 – Ties – branded/ Footwear – Crocs/ Hair & Make Up – Nails both natural and false. Earrings

Section 4 – Point 1, Paragraph 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

Section 7 – Paragraph 1, 3

Date for Review

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February 2025	February 2026	Assistant Principal (Attendance & Behaviour)
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