



Moorside High School

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Reminders – Uniform and Punctuality

Dear Parent/Carer

At this time of year, I always send a timely reminder about uniform expectations and reinforce our high standards of uniform and appearance for the new academic year, starting Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

As always, I ask that before purchasing any new items of uniform, please check the guidance on the school website, or seek advice from the school uniform suppliers – Whittakers or McLellan Clothing. Following the guidance avoids any difficult conversations in September resulting from the purchase of uniform that is not acceptable or appropriate. As a guide, I suggest if you are not sure then do not buy it and certainly try to avoid being pressured by your child into buying items of uniform that are not accepted, this is particularly important when choosing an appropriate pair of school shoes.

This year we have continued with our 'Pre-Loved' uniform recycling scheme and have had many items of good quality uniform handed in for re-use. If you would like to enquire about these and find out what is available please email MHSinfo@consilium-at.com All items are available free of charge and we find many students and families bring items to swap, which really helps everyone out. We have done as much as possible to continue to keep the cost of our uniform down. Students do not have to wear a branded PE kit as long as the items they are wearing are navy blue. We have also provided our new Year 7 and Year 11 students with a new tie. Should you require any support with the purchase of the uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com where we will be happy to help.

In order to avoid the same conversations, we seem to have each year with the students, I thought it would be useful to clarify a few points for you:

- **School Shoes** – All students must wear a conventional black shoe. Trainer style shoes or footwear with logos are not appropriate school uniform and are not permitted. If your child has worn trainers this year, this is not an excuse for this to continue in September, we will be monitoring this closely in September to ensure all students wear a conventional school shoe. We have shoes in school that students are able to wear if they forget their shoes or they have broken.
- **School Blazers** – All students must wear the school blazer with the school logo on the breast pocket.
- **Hooded Tops** – We do not allow hoodies or hooded zip up tops to be worn as an outer garment over or under the school blazer.
- **School Skirts** - Inevitably students grow so please check the length of skirts before returning. The school skirt must be a modest length; no longer than the knee.
- **School Bags** – All students must have a suitable school bag, adequate size to hold an A4 file, school PE kit, planner, stationary etc.
- **Outdoor Coats** – These should be dark in colour without large logos. Students are asked to remove their outdoor coat once inside the school building as this does reduce the space on the corridors. Please consider this when buying a new coat as it will need to be carried and stored inside their school bags.

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The intention of the uniform policy is to promote pride and responsibility in our students in preparation for adult life and to ensure equal opportunity without extremes of fashion. We take great pride in our uniform and appearance and our high standards and expectations require all students to always wear their full uniform correctly. Having a clear policy and sticking to it also drastically reduces the amount of time wasted with constant debates about what the policy should be or what exceptions students want us to make. Having the support of parents/carers, as always, goes a long way to reducing the number of conversations we have to have about uniform and appearance and supports the smooth running of the school.

I therefore ask for your support in ensuring all students are in the correct school uniform from September.

This includes:

- Shoes – no trainers/trainer style footwear/no logos.
- Coats should be dark in colour.
- No hoodies or hooded tops.
- Jewellery is not encouraged. Students may wear a wristwatch and plain stud earrings in the ear, no other piercings are permitted. All jewellery must be removed before PE or any practical activities.
- Discreet natural make-up, including eye lashes and nails.
- Hair should be neat and conventional with no extreme styles.

As we prepare for the new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of punctuality. From September, we will be placing a strong emphasis on students arriving at school on time, and we greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing this at home.

The school day begins promptly at **8:25am**, and all students are expected to be inside the school building by this time. Standards Time starts at **8:30am** and students should be in the classroom ready to start their day. Our doors open at **8:00am**, and we encourage students to arrive early to ensure a calm and positive start.

Punctuality is not only important for the smooth running of the school but is also a valuable life skill that will serve our students well beyond the classroom. Arriving to school on time supports students in the following ways:

It allows for a structured and settled start to the day. Form Tutors can share important messages and help students prepare for their lessons.

It reduces disruption and promotes a calm, focused, and respectful learning environment. It builds responsibility and helps develop habits that are essential for success in future education and employment. We kindly ask that you help your child establish a consistent morning routine from the start of term, allowing plenty of time for breakfast, preparation, and travel to school. Please note that **students who arrive after 8:25am without a valid reason will receive a lunchtime detention as a consequence**. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring that all students make a punctual start to their learning each day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support, have a wonderful summer when it comes. If you need any support over the holiday, please do contact MHsinfo@consilium-at.com as this inbox will be monitored daily over the break.

Kind Regards

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