



# UNIFORM POLICY

## Key Stage 3 and 4

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### Introduction

Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the unique ethos of Arthur Mellows Village College. We believe our uniform:

- Instils pride
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Encourages identity with, and support for, the school ethos
- Ensures that students of all races and backgrounds feel welcome
- Protects students from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of students
- Enhances participation and enjoyment of sport when students feel comfortable in their PE clothing; and
- Supports effective teaching and learning

### Establishing the Policy

The Uniform Policy aims to be fair, reasonable and affordable.

The College does not operate as a uniform supplier and gains no financial benefit through the relationship with Chroma Sports. The uniform requirements and cost of supplying the uniform are reviewed regularly by the Governors and Senior Leadership Team. Any future changes to the uniform requirements would include a transitional period for phasing out the old and introducing the new.

### Applying the Policy

The College ensures that the policy is clear and well publicised via the school website, the school Rules, admissions information and in the Home – School Agreement. The College will carefully consider any written request that is made to vary the policy to meet the needs of any individual student (e.g. to accommodate their religion, beliefs or medical conditions).

The College believes good standards of dress and personal presentation promote a positive attitude to work and behaviour and identifies students to local residents and future employers as members of an efficient organisation. The co-operation of all parents / carers is expected to ensure that students are in correct uniform at all times.

The list below shows approved items of dress and those items which are not acceptable. Please note: the College makes the final decision as to what is or not acceptable, in all aspects of a student's appearance.

Garment	✓	✗
<u>Key Stage 3</u> Shirts / Jumper / Cardigan	White Polo shirt with AMVC crest*. Green V-neck jumper with AMVC crest*. Green cardigan with AMVC crest*.	No other polo shirts / jumpers / cardigans permitted.
<u>Key Stage 4</u> Shirts / Jumper / Cardigan	White Polo shirt or fitted blouse with AMVC crest*. Black V-neck jumper with AMVC crest*. Black cardigan with AMVC crest*.	No other polo shirts / blouses / jumpers / cardigans permitted.

Garment	✓	x
Trousers / Shorts	Black plain, formal loose-fitting or slim fit school-style trousers. Shorts – black tailored and knee length.	No skin-tight trousers or leggings; no 'jeans'/jeggings type trousers. Sports shorts or tracksuit bottoms are not permitted under trousers.
Skirt	Henley style (pleated at knee length). Skirt length to be no more than 2 inches above the knee.	No other skirt styles permitted.
Socks / Tights	Plain black / dark coloured or white socks. Must be removed for Gymnastics lessons. Plain black- or natural-coloured tights.	No patterns or decoration.
Shoes	Unbranded polishable plain black / brown leather style shoe or ankle high boots.	No trainer-style shoes, sandals, high-heeled or canvas styles are permitted.
Jewellery / Accessories	One pair of small, plain ear studs or earrings (worn one in each ear or a single earring) and one plain, discreet bracelet and necklace may be worn. One ring may be worn. Plain black belt may be worn. Jewellery for religious or Cultural reasons is permitted to be worn.  Natural eyelashes only.	No other visible jewellery is permitted.  All jewellery must be removed for PE / Dance lessons.  False / acrylic nails or nails with bright designs / colours are not permitted.  False eyelashes are not permitted.
Hair	Hair accessories should be functional and discreet. Hair colour should be natural and tied back for PE lessons (other lessons at discretion of teacher). We acknowledge that Afro – textured hair is an important part of our Black students' racial, ethnic, and religious identities, and require specific styling such as afros, braids and cornrows.	Unnatural hair colours or hair styles are not permitted.
Earphones / Mobile Phones		No earphones / mobile phones to be visible in and around the College – these will be confiscated by staff if seen in and around the College building (in line with the Mobile Phone Policy). No inappropriate use of Smart watches.
Coat	Students are allowed to wear coats which are <u>plain</u> and <u>dark</u> . Students are allowed to wear coats / scarves / gloves while walking in and around the Corridors.	No hoods to be worn inside the College building. No external wear (coats / scarves / gloves) to be worn in Classrooms, Refectories or Main Hall.
Headwear	Students have the option of wearing a plain dark coloured kameez, hijab or turban. PATKA – plain dark colours only.	No patterns or decoration permitted. No bandanas or durags allowed. No hats / hoods to be worn in classrooms, refectories or main hall.
<p><b>*All of the above items (Polo shirts, Jumpers, Cardigans, Blouses) must be purchased from:</b>  <b>Chroma Leisure</b>  <b>10 Wulfric Square, Bretton, Peterborough, (Tel. 01733 262526)</b>  <b>Online ordering is available (<a href="http://www.chromasport.co.uk">www.chromasport.co.uk</a>)</b>  <b>All other items, including skirts, trousers, coats etc, can be purchased at alternative retailers.</b>  <b>Where possible, the College PTA will endeavour to arrange second-hand uniform sales three times a year.</b></p>		

Please note that students may replace any facial piercings with a clear retainer or cover up the facial piercing with a plaster during the school day.

Should students be unable to remove acrylic nails, they will be required to cut and file these overnight.

The College retains the right to confiscate any property that goes against our Uniform Policy and in some cases may also issue an additional sanction in the form of an Isolation or Suspension for persistent non-compliance of uniform expectations.

### Examples of how uniform should look

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#### 'HENLEY' STYLE BOX PLEATED SKIRT



## PE UNIFORM

Item of Clothing	Information
<b>Bottom half</b>	Plain <b>Black</b> shorts (Football style or 2in1), Track Pants / Tracksuit Bottoms or leggings. Heavy branding (large logos, stripes) is NOT permitted, and logos should be limited to an inch square. No tight-fitting shorts or skorts are permitted.
<b>Shirt</b>	AMVC PE green polo shirt / AMVC Sport Red Polo Shirt (KS4/5 examination PE students only)
<b>Mid Layer</b>	AMVC Green PE Hoodie OR AMVC PE black ¼ zip training top

<b>Under Shirts / Compression Layers (Optional)</b>	Black or white top and bottoms
<b>Socks</b>	White Sport Socks / Black football socks

### **Health and Safety Rules**

- All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.
- All long hair must be tied back.
- All students must remove their socks for Gymnastics lessons.

### **GENERAL**

**Please note** This is general information. As you know "fashion trends" come and go so our list cannot be exhaustive. It is at the Head of College's discretion to take action regarding any fashion trend or hairstyle which we feel is unacceptable.

If you have any financial concerns about ensuring that your child is wearing the correct school uniform, please contact the College for help, support, and advice. Your child's Head of Year should be the first point of contact in this instance.

### **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

The College accepts no responsibility for any personal property brought onto the College site. All users should be discouraged from bringing valuable items into the College. If this is unavoidable, special arrangements should be made in advance for temporary safe keeping.

Students will be provided with lockers for storage of personal property.

Should personal property, including valuables such as mobile phones, go missing whilst on College premises, even whilst in a student locker, the College accepts no responsibility.

### **POLICY REVIEW**

The Local Governing Committee will review this policy in line with the procedure for policy review.

#### **Date for Review**

If no other reason for review, this policy will be reviewed every three years by the Local Governing Committee.