



UNIFORM POLICY

Key Stage 3 and 4

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ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE

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COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY

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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 and complies with government legislation on branded uniform.

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 (see attached posters).
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, headphones, mobile phones or Meta Glasses 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.
*All of the above items (Polo shirts, Jumpers, Cardigans, Blouses) must be purchased from: Chroma Leisure 10 Wulfric Square, Bretton, Peterborough, (Tel. 01733 262526) Online ordering is available (www.chromasport.co.uk) All other items, including skirts, trousers, coats etc, can be purchased at alternative retailers. <i>Where possible, the College PTA will endeavour to arrange second-hand uniform sales three times a year.</i>		

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

KEY STAGE 3



'HENLEY' STYLE BOX PLEATED SKIRT



PE UNIFORM

Item of Clothing	Information
Bottom half	Plain Black shorts (Football style or 2in1), Track Pants / Tracksuit Bottoms or leggings. Heavy branding (large logos etc) are NOT permitted, and logos should be limited to an inch square. No tight-fitting shorts or skorts are permitted. Shorts MUST be of mid-thigh length to ensure full coverage.
Shirt (Compulsory branded uniform)	AMVC PE green polo shirt / AMVC Sport Red Polo Shirt (KS4/5 examination PE students only)

Mid Layer (optional branded uniform)	AMVC Green PE Hoodie OR AMVC PE black ¼ zip training top
Under Shirts / Compression Layers (Optional)	Black or white top and bottoms
Socks	White Sport Socks / Black football socks
Footwear	Sports trainers only – no pumps or fashion shoes allowed (Astroturf trainers are a good option) Football boots – Will be required for winter months, in some activities, please ask your child to confirm with their class teacher for exact timings required.
Safety Equipment	Shin Pads (for Hockey and Football), Gum Shield – must be worn for Hockey and Rugby.

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.

**SCHOOL
APPEARANCE**
Same Standards.
Brighter Futures.

EYELASHES

NATURAL LOOKS BEST

RESPECT
LEARN
ACHIEVE



Be you
Be brilliant

A clean, smart and natural appearance helps everyone feel confident and ready to learn.



**NATURAL
EYELASHES**

Our preferred look



**SHORT, DISCREET
EYELASHES**

Allowed



**LONG OR NOTICEABLE
EYELASHES**

Not in line with
our policy



**EXCESSIVELY LONG
OR DRAMATIC
EYELASHES**

Not permitted

WHY DO WE HAVE A POLICY?



Helps maintain a consistent, smart appearance for all students.



Supports health and safety (especially in practical lessons and sports).



Promotes fairness and helps create a focused learning environment.

OUR GUIDELINES



Natural eyelashes are preferred.



Short, discreet false eyelashes are allowed.



Eyelash extensions are not permitted.



Excessively long or dramatic eyelashes are not permitted.

IF YOU ARRIVE WITH EYELASHES THAT DO NOT MEET THE GUIDELINES



You will be asked to comply with the school's appearance policy.



If they cannot be safely removed at school, your parent/carer may be contacted.



Repeated refusal to follow the policy may result in a behaviour sanction in line with the school's behaviour policy.



BE CONSIDERATE

Everyone's appearance is different, and we respect individual choices. Our policy is about keeping a safe, inclusive and consistent environment for all.



OUR SCHOOL VALUES

LOOK SMART • LEARN TOGETHER • GO FURTHER

Small choices make a big difference.

READY FOR TODAY • PREPARED FOR TOMORROW

NOSE PIERCING

Smart Choices. Safe Choices.



A SAFE, DISCREET SOLUTION FOR SCHOOL

This poster explains **why some schools have rules** about nose piercings and why a clear retainer fitted by a **professional piercer** is the **safest option** for a healing piercing.



CLEAR RETAINER
= LESS NOTICEABLE,
SAFE & SCHOOL APPROPRIATE

WHY DO SCHOOLS RESTRICT NOSE PIERCINGS?

Schools have a duty of care to keep everyone safe. Facial piercings can present risks in certain situations.



PE & SPORT

Jewellery can catch on clothing or equipment and cause injury.



CONTACT ACTIVITIES

A stud can be knocked or pulled, causing injury to you or others.



PRACTICAL LESSONS

In science, DT, food tech and workshops, jewellery can snag or affect hygiene.



HEALING & INFECTION RISK

New piercings are more vulnerable to irritation and infection if they are touched or changed often.



DAMAGE TO THE PIERCING

Removing jewellery too early can cause the hole to close, become irritated or create scarring.



SCHOOL POLICY

Every school sets its own uniform and jewellery rules which must be followed by all students.

THE BEST RETAINER FOR SCHOOL

CLEAR BIOFLEX FLAT TOP RETAINER (18G (1.0mm))



- ✓ Flat, smooth top – least noticeable
- ✓ Bioflex/PTFE – flexible & comfortable
- ✓ 18G (1.0mm) – standard for most nose piercings
- ✓ Ideal for healing piercings
- ✓ Safe for school, lessons & sports



A clear retainer is far less noticeable than a stud and is more likely to be school appropriate.

OTHER OPTIONS (NOT AS DISCREET)



CLEAR L-SHAPED WITH BALL

More visible than flat top.



CLEAR STRAIGHT WITH BALL

Most visible – not recommended for school.

WHY HAVE IT FITTED BY A PROFESSIONAL PIERCER?



SAFE & HYGIENIC

Professionals use sterile equipment and follow strict hygiene procedures.



PREVENTS IRRITATION

Correct fitting reduces irritation, swelling and infection risk.



PROPER FIT

A professional will ensure the retainer is the right size and length for you.



PROTECTS YOUR PIERCING

Piercings are still healing. Changing jewellery too early or incorrectly can cause damage.



EXPERT ADVICE

You'll get personalised advice on aftercare and when it's safe to change jewellery.



SMART CHOICE.
SAFE CHOICE.
SCHOOL READY.

SEE A REPUTABLE PIERCING PROFESSIONAL

It's the safest way to protect your piercing and your education.



FIND YOUR LOCAL PIERCING STUDIO TODAY!

Ask an adult to help you book an appointment.



Always follow your school's policy on piercings and jewellery.

This poster is for guidance only and does not replace professional advice.

SCHOOL APPEARANCE

Same Standards.
Brighter Futures.

HAIR COLOUR

NATURAL LOOKS BEST

A natural appearance helps everyone feel confident, focused and ready to learn.

RESPECT
LEARN
ACHIEVE



Be you.
Be brilliant.



NATURAL HAIR COLOURS ARE PREFERRED

These natural shades are always appropriate for school. Small, subtle highlights that blend naturally are also acceptable.



Brown

Blonde

Black

Red



Aim for a natural look that suits you and reflects our school's expectations.



BRIGHT, VIVID OR UNNATURAL COLOURS ARE NOT PERMITTED

These colours are not appropriate for school, including (but not limited to):



Bright colours
(e.g. blue)

Vivid colours
(e.g. pink)

Unnatural shades
(e.g. purple)

Vivid highlights
(e.g. green)



Vivid highlights, coloured panels, two-tone styles or other non-natural colour combinations are not permitted.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?



Helps maintain a calm, focussed learning environment.



Ensures fairness and consistency for all students.



Supports a smart and professional appearance, ready for school, work and future opportunities.

OUR GUIDELINES



Natural hair colours are preferred.



Small, subtle highlights that blend naturally are allowed.



Bright, vivid or non-natural colours are not permitted.



Vivid highlights, coloured panels, dip-dye, two-tone or extreme contrasts are not permitted.



Hair should be one overall natural colour.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COLOURED YOUR HAIR



We understand that hair colour can take time to change.



You may be asked to allow the colour to fade or to return to a natural colour within a reasonable timescale.



If you are unsure, please talk to your Head of Year or Pastoral Team.



BE CONSIDERATE

Everyone's hair is different, and we respect individual choices. Our policy is about keeping a positive, inclusive and consistent environment for all.



OUR SCHOOL VALUES

LOOK SMART • LEARN TOGETHER • GO FURTHER

Natural choices. Brighter futures.

READY FOR TODAY • PREPARED FOR TOMORROW

NAILS

KEEP IT SAFE. KEEP IT SMART.

SAME STANDARDS. BRIGHTER FUTURES.



Be kind
Be respectful
Be your best



ALLOWED AT SCHOOL

Short nails (natural or false) in natural colours



Natural nails



Short false nails
(natural colour)



Neutral colour
(e.g. clear, pale pink,
nude)



French tip
(short and discreet)



Short nails
(neutral tone)



Short nails
(clear polish)



Short false nails in natural colours are allowed, as long as they are short, discreet and safe for school.



NOT PERMITTED

Long, highly decorated or brightly coloured nails



Long nails
(natural or false)



Bright colours
(e.g. red, blue, neon)



Decorated nails
(e.g. gems, glitter,
3D designs)



False nails
(e.g. acrylics, gels,
extensions, press-ons)
that are long



Dark colours



Patterns or designs
(e.g. nail art, logos,
multiple colours)



Long nails, highly decorated nails and bright or non-neutral colours are not permitted in school.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?



Keeps everyone safe in school, including during practical lessons, PE and sports.



Helps maintain a fair and consistent appearance for all students.



Supports a focused learning environment.

OUR GUIDELINES



Short nails (natural or false).



Natural colours only
(e.g. clear, pale pink, nude,
French tip).



No long nails (natural or false).



No bright colours.



No decorations (e.g. gems,
glitter, 3D designs).



No acrylics, gels, extensions
or press-ons that are long.

IF YOU ARRIVE WITH UNACCEPTABLE NAILS



You may be asked to remove them or return to school with acceptable nails.



Your parent/carer may be contacted.



Repeated non-compliance may result in a behaviour sanction in line with the school's behaviour policy.



BE CONSIDERATE

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES

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Small choices make a big difference.

OUR SCHOOL
Respect • Learn • Achieve

*Be Respectful
Be Kind
Be Your Best*

SCHOOL APPEARANCE GUIDE

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Brighter Futures.*



NAILS **HAIR COLOUR** **EYELASHES** **NOSE PIERCING**

*Small Choices.
Make a Big Difference.*

SAFE ENVIRONMENT FAIR FOR EVERYONE FOCUSED LEARNING BRIGHTER FUTURES

READY FOR TODAY • PREPARED FOR TOMORROW

WHY DO WE HAVE AN APPEARANCE POLICY?

Our school is a safe, inclusive and supportive place for everyone. A consistent, smart and natural appearance helps to:

- Keep everyone safe, including during practical lessons, PE and sports.
- Ensure fairness and consistency for all students.
- Create a calm and focused learning environment.
- Support you to feel confident and ready for school, work and future opportunities.

Be Considerate

Everyone's choices are different, and we respect individuality. Our policy is about keeping a positive, inclusive and safe environment for all.

IF YOU ARE UNSURE...

- Talk to your Head of Year or Pastoral Team.
- We are here to support you.
- It's always better to check before making changes.

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Same Standards. Brighter Futures.

NAILS

KEEP IT SAFE. KEEP IT SMART.



- ✓ Short nails (natural or false).
- ✓ Natural colours only (e.g. clear, pale pink, nude, French tip).
- ✓ Short, discreet false nails in natural colours are allowed.
- ✗ No long nails (natural or false).
- ✗ No bright colours.
- ✗ No decorations (e.g. gems, glitter, 3D designs).
- ✗ No acrylics, gels, extensions or press-ons that are long.

HAIR COLOUR

NATURAL LOOKS BEST.



- ✓ Natural hair colours are preferred.
- ✓ Small, subtle highlights that blend naturally are allowed.
- ✓ Hair should be one overall natural colour.
- ✗ Bright, vivid or non-natural colours are not permitted.
- ✗ Vivid highlights, coloured panels, dip-dye, two-tone or extreme contrasts are not permitted.

EYELASHES

A NATURAL LOOK IS BEST.



- ✓ Natural eyelashes are preferred.
- ✓ Short, discreet false eyelashes are allowed.
- ✗ Eyelash extensions are not permitted.
- ✗ Excessively long or dramatic eyelashes are not permitted.

NOSE PIERCING

SMART CHOICES. SAFE CHOICES.



- ✓ A clear, flat retainer (e.g. Bioflex, PTFE) is the safest and school appropriate option.
- ✓ Fitted by a professional piercer.
- ✓ Keep it clean and follow aftercare advice.
- ✗ Visible studs, rings or decorative jewellery are not permitted.
- ✗ New piercings can be a health and safety risk.

Be you. Be brilliant.