Mulberry
Academy London Dock

Uniform Policy

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Rationale

Mulberry Academy London Dock students are expected to achieve high standards of excellence in all aspects of their time at the school, including their appearance. We recognise the important role school uniform plays in instilling pride within a school community, supporting positive behaviour and conduct in school and outside school, as well as promoting students' commitment to our values of Diligence, Open-Mindedness, Citizenship and Kindness. Our school uniform has been designed to ensure that all students within our school community, regardless of their background and socio-economic circumstances, feel welcome, and protecting them from social pressures to dress in a particular way.

Our vibrant uniform, inspired by the River Thames just a short distance from the school, boasts a navy blazer with a porcelain blue trim on the lapel. True to the history of the area and recognising the former London Docks, the uniform represents Wapping's trade and migration legacy, and symbolises the connections and partnerships the school will establish on its journey over the coming years.

Students are expected to always wear full school uniform, including on their way to and from school. When uniform is worn inappropriately or incorrect pieces of uniform are worn, appropriate sanctions will be put in place.

Our uniform

All students are expected to wear full school uniform at Mulberry Academy London Dock. Students should be smart, tidy, and presentable. ***The dress code applies both within school and on the journey to and from school.***

Compulsory items

- Navy school blazer with school logo (available from school suppliers only)
- School tie (available from school suppliers only)
- Charcoal grey school skirt (knee or calf length only) or charcoal grey smart, straight fit school trousers. Jeans, tracksuits, leggings, flared trousers, very tight trousers, knee length trousers and trousers that sit above the ankle are not considered appropriate wear.
- Grey v-neck jumper
- White shirt or blouse, with the top button always done up
- Black ankle socks or black opaque tights
- Smart black school shoes (flat with black sole). Shoes must be sensible and entirely plain black, laces must be fastened and be plain black. Trainers are not acceptable. Boots, heeled or flat, are also unacceptable.
- Plain navy school bag that is large enough to carry books and A4 size folders such as a rucksack or sports bag. Handbags, pouches and sports shop carrier bags are not permitted.

Optional items

- Plain navy or black waterproof outdoor coat for colder or wet weather. This must be removed immediately on entry to the building.
- Charcoal grey Shalwar Kameez with school logo (available from school suppliers only)
- Navy head scarf (coloured trims or designs are not permitted)
- Navy school rucksack with logo (available from school suppliers only)

PE Kit

Compulsory items

- Navy short sleeved t-shirt with school logo (available from school suppliers only)
- Navy tracksuit bottoms or navy shorts (plain)
- White socks
- Trainers (no pumps or plimsolls)

Optional Items

- Plain navy hoodie or sweatshirt
- Navy school tracksuit with school logo (available from school suppliers only)
- Navy sports hijab

Students must bring their PE kit to every PE lesson. This is to ensure that all students are engaged in lessons regardless of the amount of physical contribution they can make and if this is limited, they will be involved in the lesson in other aspects such as coaching or officiating. Sanctions are in place for students when they fail to bring their PE kit to lessons and further sanctions if they refuse to borrow spare kit. If students are injured, a note must be produced that is signed by their parent or carer and their PE kit must still be worn. It is also advisable to write names in all items of students' kit to ensure it does not get lost in the changing rooms and throughout the school day.

Ready to learn

Mulberry Academy London Dock students should always be 'ready to learn', and are expected to have the following equipment:

Students need **a school rucksack** that is fit for purpose and large enough to fit A4 school books and other equipment. They need to carry their school bag at all times. Handbags, pouches and sports shop carrier bags are not allowed. Separate bags can be carried for PE kits and students are also issued with a locker.

Students should always have **a pencil case** with:
-pens (including black for everyday writing and a green pen for feedback)
-pencils, a pencil sharpener and highlighters
-a rubber, compass, scientific calculator, circular protractor and ruler
-a glue stick
-a packet of tissues

Students should also have **a refillable water bottle**. These should be used for water only and can be refilled throughout the school day using our filtered water dispensers. Students can only drink water whilst they are at school. Our aim is to avoid using any single-use plastic: the avoidable stuff that's everywhere. Our school building has been built and designed to be environmentally friendly. We want to continue to be aware of our impact on the environment, and will avoid using things like plastic drinks bottles, disposable coffee cups, sachets, bathroom plastics, excessive food packaging, takeaway containers etc.

Students should also have their School Planner and a reading book on them at all times.

Healthy choices

We are also a healthy school and encourage students to make healthy choices:

- Fizzy drinks, energy drinks and fruit drinks are not permitted on the school site
- Oversized bags, family sized bags, sharing bags and tubes of crisps, sweets and biscuits are not permitted on the school site
- Fast food bought from outside restaurants is not permitted on the school site
- Students are not permitted to sell food items to other students
- Chewing gum is strictly forbidden on the school site

If any of the above snacks, sweets and drinks are seen, they will be confiscated and thrown away.

Other important information regarding school uniform and students' appearance

- Students are allowed to wear a small plain stud in the lower part of either or both ears. All other facial piercings, including nose piercings, are not permitted. Retainers and plasters are not acceptable (even if a piercing hasn't healed in time).
- Other types of jewellery and clothing are not allowed, for example: baseball caps, long flowing garments, leggings, burkas, jilbab, sportswear (other than in P.E. and dance lessons), leather and denim jackets.
- Make up should not be worn and nail varnish, gel, and acrylic nails are not permitted.
- Students must not draw or put ink on their skin
- Hair must be appropriate to a place of work, with no unusual styles or colours, shavings, or patterns. Hair must be of a natural colour.
- Eyebrows should be natural with no modifications or shavings.
- Belts, if worn, should be plain black. 'Fashion' belt buckles are unacceptable.
- Hats and caps need to be removed before entering the building.
- All students are strongly advised to label all items of clothing.
- Headphones, earphones and Airpods should not be used or seen on the school site.

Bespoke school uniform items can be obtained from Ocean Designs Schoolwear Ltd or Khalsa Schoolwear at the addresses below. All other uniform items can be obtained from other suppliers as chosen by families.

Ocean Designs Schoolwear Ltd 10 Watney Market London E1 2PR 020 7702 8881	**Khalsa Schoolwear** 388 Bethnal Green Road London E2 0AH 020 7729 3286