

Uniform Focus

Week commencing
Monday 12th October

Thank you

- Thank you for how well you have handled the transition back to school, how hard you are working in lessons, how you are trying so hard to comply with the new expectations and how resilient you have been.
- The vast majority of you have also returned to school in perfect uniform, but a few have not. And there are a few that are pushing boundaries about uniform which we must address.
- We want to spend all of our time focussed on your learning and well-being, but there is a clear uniform policy that you must follow.

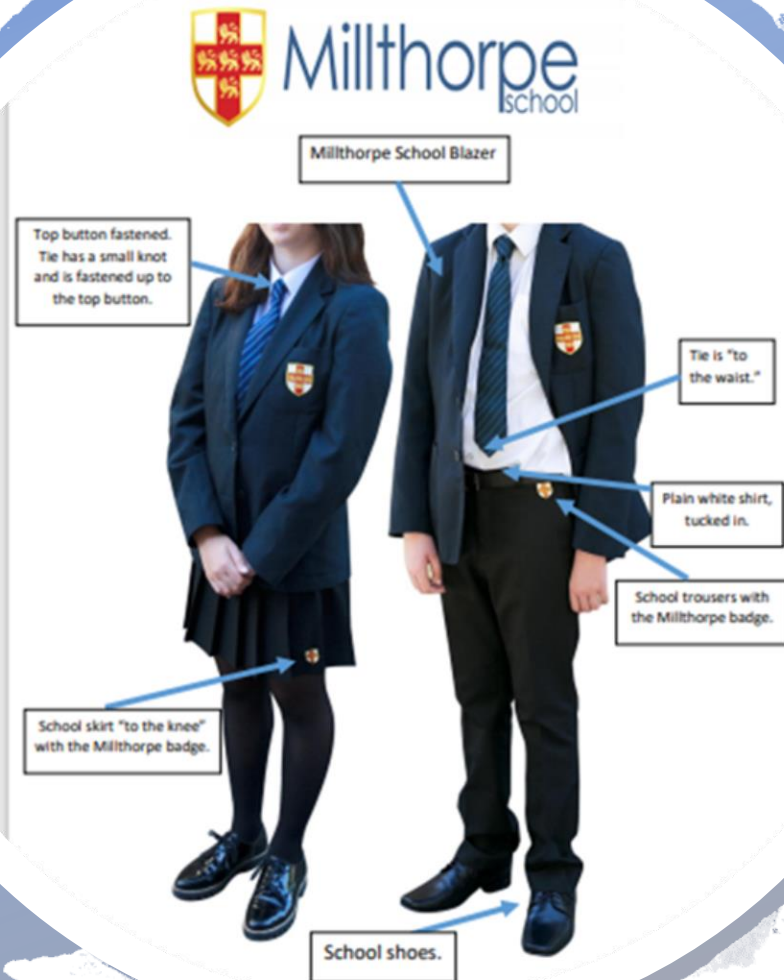
Why are we doing this?

- It is important for all schools to have a dress code, and to enforce it.
- Whatever you choose to do in the future, it is highly likely that you will have a dress code that you must follow. We are not just here to teach you about the subjects that you study in your lessons, but to prepare you for the working world. If we ignore uniform issues and allow you to wear non-uniform items OR uniform items that are not correct, we are setting you up to fail for your future endeavours. We are not prepared to do this.
- The word “uniform” means “the same”. If all students are wearing the same uniform, it can remove barriers that might be there for some students. When we ask you to alter your tie, skirt, shirt or anything else, it is to remove the pressure that your peers are under to copy you and in doing so, break the school’s uniform expectations.
- There are some uniform issues at present that mean that you might not be dressed appropriately for school. This needs to be resolved because it is vital that you are dressed appropriately for school.

“Short ties,
short skirts and
untucked shirts.”

Ties

- Ties should be fastened properly, with a small knot at the top and the bottom of your tie should be roughly to your waist.
- Ties should be tied to the top of the fastened button on your shirt.
- Your tie should not have a wide knot at the top, and should not be really short. It should be roughly to your waist.



Skirts

- Skirts should be “roughly to the knee”.
- Skirts should not be rolled up by the waistband to make them short.
- Skirts should not be worn really high to make them short.
- Skirts must be appropriate for school and this means being “roughly to the knee”.
- It is not appropriate to be wearing short skirts.



Untucked Shirts



- Shirts should be tucked in to your trousers/skirt at all times.
- Consider asking your parents/carers for a belt if it frequently becomes untucked.

Moving forward

- All Form Tutors will be checking your uniform during Form Time. All Teachers will be checking your uniform as you arrive at and leave their lesson. Pastoral staff, Senior Leaders and all staff on duty at break and lunch will be monitoring this. There is a focus on **“Short ties, short skirts and untucked shirts”** but other uniform issues will also be addressed.
- You will be given a 10 minute “reminder detention” if your uniform is not correct.
- If the same member of staff has issued two 10 minute detentions and again notices that the same part of your uniform is incorrect, you will be issued a 30 minute uniform detention.
- After this, if the same member of staff again notices that the same part of your uniform is incorrect, you will be issued a 1 hour uniform detention.
- At this stage, your parents/carers will be contacted to discuss the issue.

Work with us

- As we have said, we do not want to be spending our time focussing on uniform issues, but it is incredibly important that your uniform is correct and you are dressed appropriately for school.
- Please make sure that you respond positively to these reminders so that we do not have any students being issued with uniform detentions.
- Thank you.