

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to remind families of the **KS4 uniform expectations at Mulberry UTC**. The full uniform policy is available on the school website and was also shared with students in the **Student Handbook issued at enrolment**.

As a **University Technical College (UTC)**, we place a strong emphasis on **professionalism and preparing students for the world of work**. Maintaining high standards of uniform helps create a focused learning environment, encourages pride in the school community, and reflects the professional culture we expect from all students.

Following discussions with parents and students, we have updated our footwear expectations. **Fully plain black trainers are now permitted**. This change recognises the rising cost of living and provides families with a more affordable option that can be worn both in and out of school.

Students who arrive at school **out of uniform may be placed in Internal Exclusion (IE)** until the correct uniform is provided. Parents will be contacted and asked to bring the correct item to school. Students will remain in IE until the correct uniform is brought in. We also ask parents and carers to **check their child's uniform before they leave for school each morning**.

KS4 Uniform Expectations

Footwear:

- Plain black trainers only or black school shoes
- Students with incorrect footwear will wear school-provided plimsolls (their footwear will be kept at reception)
- No foam shoes, slides, UGGs or crocs

Core Uniform:

- Plain white collared shirt
- Mulberry UTC tie
- Plain black blazer with purple school logo
- Optional: grey school cardigan or black V-neck jumper
- Hoodies or jackets must not be worn under the blazer.

Bottoms and Cultural Dress:

- Professional length skirt or plain black trousers (no leggings)
- Plain black hijab or plain black salwar kameez permitted.

Accessories:

- Plain black, white, or grey ankle socks, or black tights
- Mulberry UTC lanyard must be worn at all times.

School Bag:

- A sensible bag large enough to safely carry an A4 folder.

If students **repeatedly attend school without the correct uniform**, the **Head of Year** will arrange a meeting with parents/carers and the student to discuss how we can work together to ensure expectations are met.

Water Bottles and Student Wellbeing

We encourage all students to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. Staying hydrated supports students' health, wellbeing, focus, and learning, and we hope this will help reduce the consumption of fizzy and energy drinks.

Please note:

- Energy drinks and high-caffeine drinks are banned items on site.
- Water refill stations are available on every floor and disposable cups are not provided.
- Water bottles should be clearly labelled with the student's name, and students should refill bottles during break and lunchtime.

For **non-uniform days or school trips**, clothing expectations will always be shared with families in advance.

Our uniform standards help **support learning, minimise disruption, and maintain the professional ethos at the heart of the UTC model**. Thank you for your support in ensuring that all students arrive ready to learn and represent the school with pride.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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