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**MULLINGAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**School Uniform Policy**

**2026-27**

**Mission Statement:**

In Mullingar Community College our Mission is to provide an educational environment that will enable each pupil to develop his/her potential academically, physically, socially and spiritually. We strive to develop and maintain a safe, supportive and caring school which seeks to provide the best opportunities for everyone to develop his or her potential to the full. Everyone in Mullingar Community College is a valued member of the school community and diversity is a valued part of the school culture.

**Rationale:**

The school uniform is an essential part of the College's identity. When students are in full school uniform, they are representing Mullingar Community College. Students must always wear the full uniform; including trips and extra-curricular activities unless they receive explicit permission to wear alternative clothing from the Year Head / Deputy Principal / Principal and/or teacher in charge of the trip. Parents / guardians are expected to support and co-operate with the College by ensuring their child always wears the full school uniform. Requests for uniform exemptions on medical grounds must be accompanied with a written explanation from the relevant health professional. The wearing of the Hijab is permitted.

**Aims of the School Uniform Policy:**

- To create and support a clear College identity.
- Supports a safe and focussed learning environment
- Promotes equality amongst all students.
- Removes the expense of purchasing clothing which is dictated by current fashions.
- Pupils can be clearly distinguished as part of the College identity.
- It is a clear and visible commitment to the rules and ethos of Mullingar Community College.
- Promotes pride amongst the pupils of the College when representing the College.

**Guidelines for items not covered under 'Uniform':**

- In the interests of Health and Safety;two stud earrings **or** small ear rings per ear is allowed (Max 2 in total per ear.) Larger Hoop earrings are not permitted . 'Spacers' or 'spikers' are not allowed under any circumstances as they pose a health and safety risk in the school environment.
- In the interests of Health and Safety, no facial piercings are allowed (eyebrow bars/studs, nose studs/bars/tongue studs, etc.) One Small nose studs are permitted
- Excessive jewellery is not allowed owing to the health and safety risk it poses.
- In the interests of Health and Safety, no jewellery is allowed during certain lessons. These subjects are PE; Home Economics; Woodwork; Engineering, etc. as it constitutes a personal risk to the student.

**Sanctions:**

The purpose of using appropriate sanctions is to promote appropriate compliance with the school uniform as it is a key component of the identity of the College. Students who arrive to school without full uniform will be subject to the following:

**All Students:**

- Students who arrive to school without full uniform without a parental explanation (phone call; letter; email; note in journal, or text /whats app message to the year head in the morning etc.) will be sent to the Year Head / Deputy Principal / Principal.
- The student will be assigned an appropriate sanction depending on the repeated nature of the occurrence. This sanction may be a verbal warning; text message/phone call home; Break and/or Lunchtime Reflection and/or After-School Reflection. After-School Reflection will be conducted in line with the school's Detention Policy.
- The Year Head / Deputy Principal / Principal will make note of this in the student's school journal and/or MSTeams to alert teachers that the issue has been noted and dealt with. Students, not in full uniform, are not allowed into class without the express written permission of the Year Head / Deputy Principal / Principal.

- Contact will be made, where possible, with a student's parent/guardian to try address the issue and the College will endeavour to offer financial support where possible.
- Failure to follow these protocols mean the assigned sanction will stand and must be completed as assigned. Failure to complete the assigned sanction/s will result in further sanctions as per the school's Code of Positive Behaviour.
- Students, who have written parental permission for not wearing full uniform, must go to the Year Head /Deputy Principal / Principal every morning they arrive in school and provide the relevant person with this note.
- Mullingar Community College reserves the right to make the final judgement on whether or not to accept a note in relation to school uniform (piercing) – i.e., the school will not accept persistent non-compliance with school uniform if there is no mitigating factor (e.g., no monetary reason; uniforms are in stock in local shops, etc.)
- Persistent non-compliance with school uniform requirements, despite repeated attempted by the school to address the issue, may result in immediate suspension being imposed.

**Important Information:**

- Students cannot represent the College where uniform requirements are not fulfilled.
- Students who refuse to follow staff instructions in relation to the school uniform will have the issue referred to the Year Head / Deputy Principal / Principal and this will be dealt with under the school's Code of Positive Behaviour.
- Persistent non-compliance with school uniform and piercing policy will result in sanctions being applied as per the school's Code of Positive Behaviour.

**Mullingar Community College Uniform:**

The Mullingar Community College School Uniform consists of the following:

| **First Year Students** | |
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| **Girls** | **Boys** |
| Maroon V neck jumper with school crest | Maroon V neck jumper with school crest |
| Navy blue skirt or navy trousers<br><br>Skirts must be knee length of a plain generic style. A Line style only.<br><br>Navy,White or Black Socks only<br><br>Navy, Black or Plain Flesh coloured tights only. | Navy trousers |
| Blue blouse / shirt | Blue shirt |
| School jacket or fleece and/or blue/black generic jackets with no logos/symbols | School jacket or fleece and/or blue/black generic jackets with no logos/symbols |
| PE Uniform (crested half zip and sports bottoms/shorts)<br><br>**The PE uniform is compulsory for all First Year students** | PE Uniform (crested half zip and sports bottoms/shorts)<br><br>**The PE uniform is compulsory for all First Year students** |

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| **Entirely black** shoes or runners; no colouring (including labels) of any kind is allowed. | **Entirely black** shoes or runners; no colouring (including labels) of any kind is allowed. |

Students will be permitted to wear PE uniform to school on days they have PE. This consists of crested top and plain navy tracksuit bottoms.

**No variations of this will be permitted as uniform on PE days**

**Leggings are not permitted and are not part of school uniform**

**On all other days the regular uniform must be worn**

| **Junior Cycle Students** | |
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| **Girls** | **Boys** |
| Maroon V neck jumper with school crest | Maroon V neck jumper with school crest |
| Navy blue skirt or navy trousers<br><br>Skirts must be knee length of a plain generic style. A Line style only.<br><br>Navy, White or Black Socks only<br><br>Navy, Black or Plain Flesh coloured tights only. | Navy trousers |
| Blue blouse / shirt | Blue shirt |
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| PE Uniform (crested half zip and sports bottoms/shorts) | PE Uniform (crested half zip and sports bottoms/shorts) |
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| Senior Cycle Students | |
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| **Girls** | **Boys** |
| Purple V neck jumper with school crest | Purple V neck jumper with school crest |
| Navy blue skirt or navy trousers<br><br>Skirts must be knee length of a plain generic style. A Line style only.<br><br>Navy, White or Black Socks only<br><br>Navy, Black or Plain Flesh coloured tights only. | Navy trousers |
| Blue blouse / shirt | Blue shirt |
| School jacket or fleece and/or blue/black generic jackets with no logos/symbols | School jacket or fleece and/or blue/black generic jackets with no logos/symbols |
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**Implementation:**

This policy will be implemented by the Board of Management of Mullingar Community College. The Board of Management have the right to make the final decision regarding the interpretation and application of the policy.

**Ratification and Review:**

This policy was accepted and ratified by the Board of Management of Mullingar Community College on _____.

This policy will be made available to all school personnel, published on the school website and provided to the Parents Association. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department of Education and Skills and to Longford and Westmeath Education and Training Board (LWETB) if requested.

This policy and its implementation will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year. Ongoing reviews and evaluation take cognisance of changing information, changing society, legislation, ministerial/government instructions, developments in the school-based programmes and feedback from students, staff, parents/guardians and the Board of Management/ETB

Signed: _____ 17/06/2026

(Chairperson, Board of Management)

Signed: _____

(Principal)