



UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT EXPECTATIONS

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Equipment

Every student must have the following equipment with them every day:

- A reading book (KS3 students only)
- A scientific calculator
- A transparent pencil case containing:
 - o Two black pens
 - o One purple pen
 - o a pencil
 - o a ruler
 - o a rubber
 - o a highlighter

Students are expected to attempt to resolve any equipment infringements before the start of the school day. Students can obtain any missing items of stationery before school from the Equipment office which is open daily from 8.25am – 9.00am. Equipment checks are conducted during tutor time every day.

Uniform

Our uniform supplier is Sportsbug. They have an online website: <https://sportsbug.co.uk/> and a dedicated page to Melksham Oak Community School so you can purchase the appropriate uniform online.

If you would prefer to visit the uniform shop in person, please find the address and contact details below.

Sportsbug, 8 Fore Street
Trowbridge, Wiltshire
BA14 8HD

Tel: 01225 767020

Email: enquiries@sportsbug.co.uk

Uniform Expectations

Our school uniform encourages a sense of pride, equality, belonging and loyalty to the community of which all students are members. Students are expected to adhere to our uniform expectations at all times, including on their journey to and from school.

Uniform - main school and PE kits

- A Melksham Oak school branded jumper is compulsory and must be worn by all students in Years 7- 11.
- A Melksham Oak School branded tie is compulsory and should cover the top button and worn at a reasonable length, showing a minimum of 5 stripes. Clip-on ties are also available for purchase.
- A formal, plain white shirt / blouse, short or long sleeved, with top button done up is compulsory. Ties must be able to be worn with them. Shirts should always be tucked in.
- Students may wear either a black skirt, black trousers, tailored black shorts, or black tailored cropped trousers. Skirts must be in the Charleston style, and worn professionally- they should be a professional length and not shortened by being rolled up at the waist. No other type of skirt is permitted. Trousers should be tailored. No hipsters or jeans, combat trousers or leggings are permitted. If a student chooses to wear shorts, they must also be plain black and tailored.

- Belts must be plain black and fit through the loops on the trousers. No oversized buckles or clasps, studs or trimmings are permitted
- Black colour tights must be worn with a skirt. Socks should not be worn over tights.
- Only formal black, leather-fronted and polishable shoes are permitted. These should be low-heeled. No trainers, sling backs, canvas-style daps, or boots of any nature are permitted
- Outdoor Coats: Denim, leather, or imitation leather jackets are not permitted. Once in a lesson, coats must be removed and coat hoods down when indoors
- Hoodies or other sweatshirts, tracksuit tops and cardigans are not acceptable as coats- the classification of a hoodie is at the discretion of the school

Melksham Oak branded Jumper	
Melksham Oak Branded Tie	
Plain white shirt/blouse	
Black Charleston pleated Skirt	
Black School trousers	

Hair, make up & jewellery

- Makeup should be natural and subtle. The school reserves the right to make final judgement on what is and is not appropriate, including items such as fake eyelashes, which should be natural in appearance.
- Nail varnish is permitted, as is acrylic or gel fake nails. These should be natural in length and any that are deemed too long will either need to be removed or filed down to an appropriate size
- Headscarves worn for religious or medical reasons should be a uniform colour.
- Lobe and Helix piercings are permitted within the ears, and multiple piercings are permitted in these areas
- Students who have their ears pierced may wear either studs, plain sleepers or plain 'huggies' in their ears. Sleepers/ huggies should be small enough that the little finger cannot fit through them. Earrings that are deemed to be hoops will have to be removed.
- Clear nose stud retainers can be worn, but no other facial jewellery.
- All other piercings should be removed whilst at school, and therefore we strongly recommend they do not get such a piercing and waste money/risk infection
- One bracelet & necklaces are permitted, but necklaces should be worn under the shirt
- One discreet ring is permitted to be worn on each hand
- A watch can be worn at school, but any use of a smart watch as a mobile device in school will result in the item being confiscated
- Tattoos of any kind are not allowed at school. This includes temporary 'henna' tattoos
- Individual fashion statements or overly-styled haircuts are not permitted. Dyed hair is permitted but should not be predominantly bright, artificial colours such as pink, green, blue etc. Braids are allowed.
- All jewellery must be removeable and should be removed in PE, Drama and Technology lessons and as directed in other lessons and activities where jewellery may cause a safety risk e.g. during science experiments or sporting events at lunchtime.

Items that do not conform to the school's uniform policy will be confiscated by a teacher and dealt with according to the 'Confiscation of Property' policy. If a student has an item of jewellery that they value, it should not be brought into school as it will not be covered by our insurance.

If in any doubt about the details of this policy, parents should contact the school. It is better to check with a member of staff than to rely on assurances from students. If a genuine reason can be provided why a uniform standard cannot be met, then students will be managed on an individual basis. Any medical issues must be accompanied by documented evidence.

PE KIT

- For PE lessons, a Melksham Oak branded PE t-shirt is compulsory. Students can wear generic black/navy shorts or jogging trousers- no other colours are permitted. Other Melksham Oak branded PE clothing is available but not compulsory.

Essential	Highly Recommended
- Melksham Oak branded T-shirt - Melksham Oak top layer, (either hoodie, sweatshirt or rugby top) - Melksham Oak skort, shorts or tracksuit bottoms. * - Plain black/navy football socks - Suitable sports trainers - Football boots / rugby boots *To reduce the cost of the overall PE kit, students can choose to wear plain black or navy shorts (shorts must be appropriate length), skorts or tracksuit bottoms.	- Shin pads for football, hockey and rugby lessons. - Gum shield for rugby and hockey lessons. - Spare socks on a PE day for hygiene - Plastic bag for dirty kit

Melksham Oak PE T-Shirt	
Melksham Oak Rugby Top	
Melksham Oak Hoodie	

School Shoes

We appreciate that choosing school shoes can sometimes feel challenging, and we want to support families in making choices that are both practical and affordable. Our aim is to ensure that durable, well-fitting school shoes are accessible to all, while still maintaining the importance of a smart, formal appearance that helps students feel part of our school community. We have provided the guidance below to support you when making choices.

School Shoes	Shoes not appropriate for school
Suitable plain black school shoes suitable for wearing with formal attire. 	Knee /thigh high boots, Trainers (including black and/or those that pose as trainers), Daps, Flip flops/backless, crocs, Open toes and Heels over 3cm 

Uniform Office

The school runs a uniform office open from 8.25am every morning. If a student has the incorrect uniform or has forgotten a piece of equipment, they may borrow this item for the remainder of the day.

If a student attends the uniform office prior to the start of school at 8.40am they will not be issued with a consequence.

Extreme Conditions

Uniform adjustments due to temperatures will only occur when the Department for Education issues guidance stating that there is an extreme weather warning and schools need to take action. In all matters of uniform and dress, the decision of the Headteacher is final.

Purchasing Uniform

All items can be purchased from Sportsbug either online, or in store. If there are any concerns regarding the purchasing of uniform, please contact the school so we can offer our support.

Expectations for our school community

Students

Students are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)
- Students are also expected to contact their Head of Year or the SENCO if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents/carers are also expected to contact the Head of Year, or SENCO if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Staff

Staff will support students to ensure that they are in correct uniform from the start of the school day. We will give any students who have forgotten items the opportunity to access spare uniform from our in school Uniform or Equipment office.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform guide will be followed up through our behaviour procedures.

If families are facing challenges, we encourage you to make contact with your child's Head of Year and we will do all we can to support with providing uniform and equipment and ensure that students will not miss learning