

Mearns Castle High School School Uniform Policy



**Inclusion, Achievement
Ambition and Progress for All**

Mearns Castle High School Servitium

Our Vision

The Mearns Castle High School community will work together to sustain a safe, inclusive and high quality learning environment that enables us to develop fully our capacities as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors to society.

Our Vision, based on our Values, will be realised through the achievement of Our Aims.



Our Values

- Respect: show self-respect and be considerate of the needs, wishes and feelings of others.
- Inclusion: treat all people fairly and enable them to feel included.
- Integrity: be honest and sincere.
- Responsibility: be accountable for your actions and make a positive contribution to society.
- Ambition: show a pride in your school and have high expectations of what you can achieve.
- Achievement: be enthusiastic and show a determination to succeed in all you do.

Our Aims

We will be motivated and enthusiastic in our learning and teaching and determined to reach the highest standards of attainment and achievement.

We will be confident and ambitious, build positive relationships and pursue a healthy and active lifestyle.

We will show initiative and be enterprising, creative and responsible citizens.

We will show respect for others, and make a positive contribution to society.





At Mearns Castle High School we are determined to achieve excellence in every dimension of the life and work of our school. This ambition includes aspiring to the highest possible standard of school uniform.

Achieving a high standard of school uniform is important as it:-

- Represents our school as a centre of high standards, ambition and educational excellence
- Shows pride in our school and a commitment to our vision, values and ethos
- Contributes to school security and personal safety
- Promotes a positive and professional work ethic and encourages a focus on learning
- Supports positive behaviour
- Promotes equality of opportunity and social justice
- Protects our young people from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Nurtures cohesion and positive relationships between our pupils
- Fosters a spirit of partnership in our school community



Following extensive consultation with pupils, parents and staff the uniform for all pupils at Mearns Castle High School is as follows:-

Blazers

A black blazer (woollen or polyester) with a Mearns Castle High School badge is compulsory for all pupils. Blazers should be worn to and from school. Blazers must also be worn in school at all times but can be removed during lessons.

During inclement weather, pupils can wear a black outdoor jacket over their blazer. Outdoor jackets must then be removed in school and stored in lockers. If appropriate, blazers should be correctly braided. Braiding arrangements are available on our school's website: www.ea.e-renfrew.sch.uk/mearnscastle.

Skirts

Two styles of black skirt are compulsory: box pleat or straight.

Dependent on a pupil's height, skirts should be between 18" – 22" in length. As a rule, skirts should be worn no higher than 2" above the knee, with plain black tights or black knee high socks.

Trousers

Girls can wear black, formal boot-cut trousers. Boys must wear formal, black school trousers. Trousers must be worn up to the waist. If a belt is worn it must be all black with a plain buckle.

Shirts/Jumpers

A formal white school shirt must be worn, tucked in. A plain black v-neck jumper or cardigan, where the tie is clearly visible, can be worn.

Headscarves

If girls are choosing to wear a headscarf for religious reasons it must be a plain black headscarf.

Ties

An appropriate school tie must be worn up to the neck and properly tied with the school badge clearly visible.

The following school ties are available:

- S1/S2/S3 - red tie
- S4/S5 - blue tie
- S6 - black and red tie

Colours ties are available in all styles for pupils who have achieved School Colours.

Scarf

Two styles of school scarf are available.



Footwear

Formal all black school shoes with a black sole and black laces, if appropriate, must be worn.

Physical Education Kit

Pupils in S1 to S6 must wear a red Polo shirt. A customised version of the red Polo shirt is also available for pupils studying Higher PE. All pupils must also wear either black tracksuit trousers or black shorts. A black school hooded top is available to be worn during PE or when representing the school at sporting events.

All items of Mearns Castle High School uniform are available from:

Stevensons School Outfitters

192 Fenwick Road, Giffnock, Glasgow, G46 6UE
Tel: 0141 638 7689
Email: giffnockbranch@stevensons.co.uk

Academy Uniforms Ltd

4a Rennie Place
College Milton North, East Kilbride, G74 5HD
Tel: 01355 244879
Email: info@academyuniformsltd.com

More information on our school uniform standards can be found on our website. If you wish further advice in relation to our school uniform requirements please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Tel: 0141 577 2300

Email: schoolmail@mearnscastle.e-renfrew.sch.uk

We look forward to working in partnership with pupils and parents to ensure a consistently high standard of school uniform for our school.