



# Midleton College Uniform 2020-2021

Midleton College has a compulsory uniform for all students. Our school uniform identifies each student as a pupil in Midleton College; this is a fundamental aspect of the school identity.

We believe that wearing the school uniform correctly:

- is conducive to good behaviour
- underlines the importance of being neat and tidy in all aspects of school life
- avoids unnecessary distraction
- helps focus students and creates a sense of equality
- reinforces a sense of pride among students in their school

All students are expected to wear the College Uniform with pride. Whilst wearing the uniform, we remind students that they are ambassadors of the school and accordingly should behave in a manner which reflects the high standards of behaviour, respect and courtesy expected from them at Midleton College. The wearing of the uniform helps to promote a positive image for the school. Each student represents not just themselves, but the whole school community. We want every student to be conscious of this every time they wear their uniform, both inside and outside the school. A presentable uniform creates a good impression of both the student wearing it and of the school that they attend, especially when representing the school on sporting or extra-curricular activities and during whole school events.

Untidy dress and appearance, torn, frayed or dirty clothing is not acceptable, for this reason students should have spare trousers/skirts/shirts. All students are expected to maintain high levels of personal hygiene. Clothes should fit properly to ensure a dignified appearance.

Uniform items may be purchased from Bertelli Mensware, 64 Main Street, Midleton. In order to minimise the burden on parents/guardians regarding uniform, the College and the PTA hold a second-hand uniform sale annually. It is the responsibility of each parent/guardian that all items should be clearly labelled with the student's name. All students should remove non-uniform items as soon as they arrive in school. Failure to do so may result in the offending item being confiscated or the student may be sent home from school.

## **The Midleton College uniform consists of the following:**

### **Jacket**

The Jacket may be worn by all year groups– no other jacket will be permitted to be worn during the school day by any student. Jackets should be removed during class time. A plain navy hat, scarf and gloves may also be worn during inclement weather but should be removed during class time.

### **Blazer**

The blazer is an important part of the school uniform; it is to be worn for all major College events, in the 1<sup>st</sup> term until mid-term and again for the summer term. It may be worn at other times in the school year if the student wishes to do so.

### **Jumper**

The school jumper may be worn under the blazer. Hoodies or other tops may not be worn as part of the school uniform.

### **Fleece**

The College fleece may be worn by students in Form V-VI. It is not part of the uniform for Form I, II, III and IV students and is being phased out of use. The fleece may not be worn under the blazer.

### **White shirt & College Tie**

All students are expected to wear a clean white shirt (tucked in) and the college tie (covering the top button). A plain white t-shirt or top may be worn underneath the shirt if desired. Please note both boys and girls are expected to wear the tie at all times, throughout the year.

### **Trousers & Skirts**

Suitable grey trousers, for boys and girls, are available from our uniform supplier. Skirts are also available; they are sold and should be worn either at 32" in length or 2" above the knee. Skirts should not be shortened or worn rolled at the waist.

### **Shoes and socks**

Black leather dark soled, low heeled shoes are required. They must be kept clean and polished. Canvas shoes or runner type shoes (sports styling, logos or branding) are not suitable. Grey socks that cover the ankles are to be worn by all students. For formal school occasions girls should wear black opaque tights if wearing the school skirt.

### **Hairstyles**

Hair should be of a conventional style, neat and of a natural colour.

Extreme hairstyles or extreme colouring are not permitted; similarly, 0, 1 blades are not allowed.

### **Facial Hair**

Boys are expected to be clean-shaven.

### **Piercings & Jewellery**

Students may wear a single pair of discrete stud earrings in the lower lobe of the ear. Excessive jewellery is not permitted. Make-up and nail varnish while permitted, should be discrete. The wearing of false nails is not allowed. Facial piercings are not permitted - this includes the tragus region of the ear. A student with such a piercing will be asked to remove it during the school day (covering it with a plaster is not sufficient) and when representing the school. Visible body piercings and visible tattoos are not allowed.

### **Sports and P.E. Gear**

School sports gear for hockey and rugby can be purchased from the school; ordered sports gear will be delivered by Mr Seale in the first week of term. Students are expected to wear the correct sports gear when representing the school in matches. Midleton College does not currently have a PE uniform; however students are expected to wear appropriate items of clothing. Shorts if worn, should be to at least mid-thigh and t-shirts should have sleeves and cover the torso fully. If PE gear is deemed to be unsuitable, students will be asked to change back into their school uniform. Swimsuits should be worn when using the swimming pool, bikinis and sports shorts are not acceptable.

### **Casual Clothes**

Students may change into casual clothes after school or occasionally wear casual clothes on school trips. Clothes must be neat, appropriate and in good condition. If clothes are deemed to be unsuitable, students will be asked to change.

### **Additional items**

Students may request additions to the uniform for religious or medical reasons etc. Individual requests should be presented to the Principal for consideration. Please note that facial covering is not permitted and the basic School uniform must be worn at all times. All additional items must be in School colours as agreed with Principal.

Students will be asked to comply with these rules by all teachers in the school and the uniform coordinators, Brian Gill and Catriona Hassey. In the unlikely event that a student comes to school not in full uniform, they must bring a note to their Form Teacher explaining the reason for the absence of correct uniform. The decision of the Principal or Deputy Principal in the interpretation of these rules will be final.

**Failure of students to comply with the Midleton College Uniform rules will be considered a breach of the Code of Behaviour Policy and dealt with accordingly.**