



### Aims

Marling School considers the appearance of students to be important, both in school and during the journey to and from school. Parents and carers are asked to support us in maintaining high standards.

All Marling School students in Years 7 - 11 are required to wear the uniform as described in the uniform and games kit lists below. These uniform requirements are designed to be:

- Smart, promoting a cohesive culture and 'ready for work' mindset among students
- Comfortable, hard-wearing and easy to clean
- Financially accessible for all families

Only the items highlighted in bold on the uniform and games kit lists are branded or specific items that cannot be substituted for a non-branded alternative which can be sourced from a wide range of stockists. The number of such items is kept to a minimum to make the overall uniform as affordable as possible. Each item is routinely checked to ensure it represents good value for money.

### Uniform List

- **Blazer - Black, single-breasted with black buttons and the Marling School badge**
- **School tie** - in the colour of the student's House
- Plain black formal school trousers - belts should be black with a plain buckle (*No 'jean' style trousers with external sewn pockets*). Plain white shirt worn with the school tie. (*The top button should be done up and the shirt fully tucked in at all times*) No visible undershirts should be worn
- Marling black V-necked jumper or smart plain black V-necked knitted jumper *Note: The jumper should be worn under (not instead of) a blazer*
- **Marling School Polo Shirt** (white with school crest) is **optional** for terms 5 and 6 only and should be worn tucked in. *Note: this item is being phased out. 2022/23 is the final academic year it will be permitted to be worn.*
- Socks - plain dark grey or black
- Plain black shoes (office shoes), not boots, trainers or trainer type shoes (see shoe guidance document on the website)
- A suitable overcoat without large logos

No hoodies of any kind to be worn as a coat or jumper – a hoody is defined as a hooded sweatshirt with or without a zipper.

No jewellery of any sort is permissible, except for watches.

Hairstyles should reflect the fact that students are at School primarily to work, not to make a fashion statement. Hair should be tidy in style and of a colour natural to the student (*shaven or near shaven heads are not acceptable*).

## Games Kit

For PE and Games the following items will be needed:

- **PE vest in House colour** (Students may, when the weather dictates, wear a plain white T- shirt under their house vest as an extra layer during lessons)
- White PE shorts
- White socks
- Suitable sports trainers, non- marking soles
- Rugby shirt
- Navy rugby shorts
- Rugby socks
- Rugby/football boots

*Bateman's offer a mid-layer top in School colours which may be worn when the weather dictates but this is OPTIONAL.*

*We suggest that you do not buy expensive boots while your child's feet are still growing.*

## Sourcing Uniform

### New

Bateman's Sports in Stroud stock all items of required Marling School uniform as well as some additional (not required) items. Parents and carers may purchase online or in the store (appointment advisable during the summer). Parents and carers may also choose to buy most items of school uniform from other suppliers but should be aware of the following:

- A Marling School blazer may only be sourced from Batemans. We believe these blazers are hard-wearing, robust and represent good value for money. They ensure consistent appearance of students day to day.
- Marling School ties may only be sourced from Bateman's as we believe these custom-made ties represent good value for money and promote our House team structure.
- The Marling School rugby shirt may only be purchased from Bateman's so that students look identical for team sports. We believe these shirts are hard-wearing, robust and represent good value for money. They are also reversible for in-school team sport identification.
- The athletic vest may only be purchased from Bateman's so that student House colours are consistent. These vests are hard-wearing and represent good value for money.
- Marling rugby socks may only be purchased at Bateman's as these represent good value for money and help identify teams during away matches.

Branding has been minimised to facilitate parental choice in uniform stockist. Sports clothing items are no longer required to be embroidered with the student's name, although we do strongly advise ALL clothing and shoes are labelled inside so that lost property can be returned easily.

### Nearly New

The Marling School Parent Staff Association (PSA) run a 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform store to support parents/carers with the cost of school uniform and fast-growing students! Please email [reception@marling.school](mailto:reception@marling.school) with your requirements. The PSA also arrange specific days in the summer when parents/carers may visit school to purchase items. The PSA are grateful for donations to the store throughout the year. Please leave any donations in good, clean condition at Main School Reception.

### Financial Assistance

Financial Assistance is available for families experiencing hardship. Please contact the Finance Office for more information ([finance@marling.school](mailto:finance@marling.school)) .