



St Thomas More Catholic High School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

As the term goes by, I am sure many of you are starting to consider purchasing school uniforms for September. You can find detailed information regarding school uniform expectations, including strict rules regarding hairstyles, piercings, jewellery and make-up in the Parent Handbook in the Transition Area of the website. You can also [click here](#) to access the Handbook.

- The blazer, skirt and PE kit are available from Emblematic (<https://emblematic.co.uk/longbenton-store/stm-ns/>). If possible, we recommend ordering uniform by the end of June to ensure it is delivered to you in time for September, and definitely no later than the middle of July.
- The school tie can be purchased from St Thomas More during office hours (Term time: Monday - Thursday 8 - 4pm, Friday 8 - 3.30pm. The office will not be open during school holidays).
- All other items can be purchased from a range of high street shops and supermarkets.

All pupils required to wear:

- STM blazer¹
- White school shirt
- Mid-grey traditional, tailored school trousers **or** STM school skirt²
- School tie (available only from STM for £6)
- Maroon school jumper – OPTIONAL³
- Plain black, grey or white ankle socks or black opaque tights
- Plain black traditional school shoes (please see the parent handbook for specific details)





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PE Uniform:

- STM Polo shirt⁴ - black, maroon and amber
- STM Outdoor top with long sleeves⁴ - black, maroon and amber
- Black, plain tracksuit bottoms, shorts or leggings (no logos)⁵
- Black football socks
- Sports trainers
- Football boots with studs

Additional guidance regarding uniform:

¹Occasionally, parents/carers purchase 2 blazers just in case one gets dirty and it cannot be washed and dried in time for the following school day. Please note that the Pastoral Team has a supply of blazers that can be loaned to students for these rare occasions.

²The school skirt should be of a respectable length and no more than 2 inches above the knee.

³The vast majority of students choose not to wear a school jumper as they are required to wear a blazer at all times. I would suggest waiting till the winter term to purchase one if you decide it is needed.

⁴Every student needs **one** of the PE tops (either the polo shirt **or** outdoor top) however you may choose to purchase both if you wish. Students will have indoor and outdoor PE lessons throughout the year.

⁵Emblematic sells plain black tracksuit bottoms, shorts and leggings however these items **do not** have to be purchased through Emblematic and can be found in high street stores at reasonable prices.

We understand that especially with current events, things can be very tricky financially, and circumstances can also change quite quickly. We do not want any family to be worried that their child cannot fully participate in school life due to financial difficulties. Please make us aware of any concerns and we will try and help.

Yours sincerely

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