

Dear Parents and Carers,

30 January 2026

I am writing to inform you that, from **Monday 02 February 2026**, we will be conducting uniform spot checks across the school. These checks form part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining high standards and ensuring that all students are ready to learn.

As a reminder, full uniform expectations are outlined on the school website, and key requirements are summarised below, drawn directly from our published guidance. [\[stmarks.anthemtrust.uk\]](https://stmarks.anthemtrust.uk)

## Uniform and Appearance Expectations

### General Uniform (Years 7–11)

- **St Mark's blazer** must be worn daily.
- **White shirt** must be able to button to the top.
- **Optional grey jumper** may be worn *with* the blazer.
- **Smart black or grey trousers** (no flared, legging style or revealing items).
- **Black or grey pleated skirt** worn to the knee; figure-hugging skirts are not permitted.
- **Year group tie** must be worn daily.
- **Black or grey socks**; no white, patterned or branded socks.
- **Opaque black or grey tights** permitted.
- **Smart black shoes or boots** only — no trainers or fashion accessories. [\[stmarks.anthemtrust.uk\]](https://stmarks.anthemtrust.uk)

### Lashes

- Students must wear **natural lashes only**.
- False eyelashes, lash extensions and visibly enhanced lashes are **not permitted**.

### Piercings

- Students may wear **one set of studs or small hoops**; hoops must be small enough that a finger **cannot** fit through them.
- Nose piercings must be fitted with a **clear plastic stud** (no metal or coloured studs).

### Sagging

- Trousers should be **worn on the waist**. Underwear or additional layers should **not** be visible.
- Belts should be **unbranded**.

## PE Kit (Years 7–11)

- **St Mark's polo shirt**, tracksuit bottoms, and tracksuit top are compulsory.
- **Shorts** should be the plain black 'shadow stripe' style available from the school uniform shop.
- No branded or plain alternatives are permitted. [\[stmarks.anthemtrust.uk\]](http://stmarks.anthemtrust.uk)

Students who are found to be infringing uniform or appearance expectations will receive a letter and a **45 minute after school detention** on the same day. This measure supports consistency, readiness to learn, and pride in our school community.

We appreciate the financial implications of providing school uniform. To that end if you require support with sourcing uniform in time for Monday, or would like to register an issue, please email: [school@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:school@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk). Additionally, if you have uniform that is in good condition and would like to donate to the school, please bring to the main school reception where we will organise its redistribution.

Thank you for your support and continued cooperation in ensuring your child arrives to school in full and correct uniform every day.

Yours faithfully,

### **Ms E Marshall**

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