



# Meopham School: Student Support

## The House System

We have a House System which encourages a sense of belonging in our students. There are four houses: Brunel, Newton, Redgrave and Holmes. Each House is divided into small Tutor Groups, which ensure a strong teacher/student relationship.

## The Pastoral System

Our pastoral system has been created to help staff quickly and proactively identify and address any barrier to student learning and achievement.

Learning Leaders are on hand to constantly monitor the academic progress and achievement of their students through the assessment and reporting system. By liaising with the Curriculum Leaders, Heads of Houses and Tutors, the Learning Leaders can ensure that students are making exceptional academic and personal progress.

The Heads of House and their Tutors support students with regards to academic target setting, behavioural, social and emotional issues, as well as attendance and the student rewards system. In addition to this, we have a highly regarded team of Pastoral Support Leaders who help both in school and in liaison with home.

## Gifted

We identify potential high achievers early on and set challenging targets to help them develop. Teaching staff then monitor their progress to ensure they can meet their full potential.

## Talented

We have students with outstanding talents in many fields including sport, drama and music. Staff are trained to identify students with special talents relating to their subjects and ensure that their school experience is tailored towards capitalising on these areas.

## Special Educational Needs

We have a strong team of Learning Support Staff, who work closely with students needing additional support in order to ensure that they make good progress and can thrive in a mainstream secondary environment.

## The Nick Hornby Centre

We have a specialist resource base for students with a Statement of Special Needs that carries a primary need of ASD. The admissions of those students who access the resource base is managed through Kent County Council.

# Meopham School: Uniform

## School Tie

To be worn by boys only, Meopham School tie in House colours (Also available from the Pastoral Office).

## Trousers/Skirt

Plain black straight trousers (no jeans or fashion trousers, metal belts and tabs are unsafe). Black skirts should be a sensible length for school wear i.e. to the knee.

## Shirts

Boys: White, full length, long/short sleeve with a collar.

To be worn tucked in with the school House tie.

Girls: White, fitted at the waist, v-necked, short length blouse to be worn without a tie (fashion blouses are not acceptable alternatives).

## School Blazer

Boys: black, with House badge embroidered on to the pocket.

Girls: black, fitted with House badge embroidered on to the pocket.

## School Sweater (Optional)

This is a black v-neck sweater, with House edging, and is the only garment allowed if pupils want extra warmth. Sleeveless versions also available.

## Footwear

Black, sensible shoes. Trainers or trainer derivatives are NOT permitted. No boots for girls, or heavy boots for boys. Short plain socks or tights (black opaque).

## Coats

Coats are weatherproof outer garments to be worn over the top of the blazer. Hoodies and sweatshirts are not part of the school uniform and are not acceptable.

## Hair and Jewellery

No jewellery is to be worn by students in school. Simple functional bobbles (ie elastic bands used for pony tails) are allowed for those who need to tie back long hair, but fashion hair accessories are not acceptable.

Hair must be of natural colour and not multi tonal. Hair styles must be smart and appropriate for school. In particular students must avoid extreme or sharp variations in hair length for fashion effects. Boys are expected to be clean shaven at school.

## Make-up

No make-up is to be worn by Key Stage 3 pupils.

Unobtrusive make-up is accepted in the Upper School. Nail varnish, nail, hair or eyelash extensions are not permitted. If in doubt about the suitability of any item please consult with the school before making your purchase.

## Equipment

All students should attend school ready to learn. This includes having the correct equipment. All these items are available at Pastoral Support for a nominal cost. The minimum required is: x2 Pens (blue or black ink), x1 Pencil, x1 Ruler, x1 Eraser.

## PE KIT

At Meopham School, we believe that Physical Education is an essential part of a child's overall development. We believe that a student's appearance matters and has an effect on achievement. We have, therefore, adopted a strict dress code.

Compulsory

Black T-shirt with school logo and house colours

Black jumper with school logo and house colours

Items which can be bought anywhere, but are also stocked in the Sewing Shop

- Plain black shorts or plain black joggers
- Plain black football socks
- Trainers
- Football boots\*
- Shin pads\*
- Gum shield\*

\* Winter months only (September - Easter)

Optional

Black waterproof jacket with school logo and House colour. This is optional, however if students want to wear a jacket when outside in the cold they can only wear this one.

## Students on Crutches/in Plaster

We can facilitate students who are in plaster or crutches in school. Parents are advised to contact Mrs Butler, Attendance Officer on 01474 814646 extn 223 or email [attendance@meopham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@meopham.kent.sch.uk) before their child returns to school after an accident.

## Practical Subjects

All pupils must wear aprons to protect their clothing during practical sessions in Design Technology, and Food Technology. Aprons are provided for pupils during these lessons.

Long hair must be tied back for practical lessons. On some occasions, a change of clothing or a protective apron is necessary in Art, Science or Drama. Students are given advance warning of these sessions.

## Valuables

Most pupils bring small amounts of money for bus fares for which they must take responsibility. A purse or wallet which fits into a pocket is a sensible piece of equipment. P.E. teachers are happy to look after valuables during lessons. No other valuables should be brought into school. The school cannot take responsibility for large sums of money or valuable personal possessions. For this reason, pupils should not bring in computer games devices, tablets or other such items.

Mobile phones may be brought to school, but if they are used during lessons or formal times, they will be confiscated and parents will have to collect them.

## Uniform Items can be purchased from The Sewing Shop

4 Echo Square, Gravesend. Telephone 01474 536700 or you can purchase on-line at [www.the-sewing-shop.co.uk](http://www.the-sewing-shop.co.uk)

Please be aware that this is the only official supplier of our uniform.

# Meopham School: The School Day

## Structure of the School Day

8:40am to 9:30am	Period 1
9:30am to 10:20am	Period 2
10:20am to 10:40am	Break
10:40am to 11:30am	Period 3
11:30am to 12:20pm	Period 4
12:20pm to 12:45pm	First Lunch
12:45pm to 1:00pm	Common Lunch
1:00pm to 1:25pm	Second Lunch
1:25pm to 2:15pm	Period 5
2:15pm to 3:05pm	Period 6

## School Year Dates

For the latest term dates, visit  
[www.meophamschool.org.uk](http://www.meophamschool.org.uk)  
Found under the Parents tab