

St Margaret's School Rules

Poor behaviour, whatever the context is not accepted. This includes behaviour in school, in the vicinity of the School, on school trips, when travelling to and from school, when wearing school uniform, and at any time and place, including on the internet, when it is likely to bring the School into disrepute.

1. All pupils must be in school at the start of the term and not leave before the published end of term date.
2. All pupils attend registration, assembly/chapel as scheduled each day.
3. No day pupil may leave the School campus at any time without first gaining permission from a member of staff.
4. Uniform (Reception to Year 11) should be neat and clean:
 - skirts should be no shorter than knee length
 - hair should be tied up with a black band (Year 11 may wear their hair down except when in Science/PE)
 - shoes must be plain black, leather lace-ups or buckles as specified on the uniform list and not of a ballet pump or trainer style e.g. Converse
 - the School blazer should be worn at all times unless directed by a member of staff
 - mufti scarves, hats, coats or jackets are not permitted as part of the uniform
 - coats must be black or navy. All Junior School pupils should wear the School coat
 - Sixth form pupils must adhere to the published sixth form dress code (i.e. be formally dressed at all times).
5. The only permitted jewellery is a religious symbol on a simple chain and one plain gold or silver ear stud in each ear lobe. No other body piercing or skin decoration is allowed.
6. Make up and nail varnish are not permitted with school uniform and hair must be of a natural colour.
7. No pupil may bring in, have in their possession the following prohibited items (knives or weapons, alcohol, controlled drugs, performance enhancing drinks and diet supplements, tobacco, cigarette papers, vaping equipment, fireworks and pornographic material) in school or on school trips in the UK or abroad.
8. Pupils are expected to be well behaved, polite and courteous at all times, whether in school, or on school visits, on school coaches or on public transport. There should be no use of bad language or incidents which may be construed as any form of bullying.
9. Chewing gum, correction fluids, matches and any items of unchecked mains operated electrical equipment are not permitted on school premises.
10. Mobile phones may be brought to school by pupils from Year 7 upwards but use for any purpose including listening to music during the School day i.e. 8.00 am – 5.30 pm including at break, lunch, supervised study (both sessions) and library periods is strictly forbidden. Junior School pupils may only have mobile phones if they travel to school by coach. Mobile phones must be kept in lockers by years 7-11 during the school day. I-Watches must not be worn or brought into school.
Phones, I-Watches and Ear Pods will be confiscated if seen on the school premises and will need to be collected from the Head Teacher by the pupil's parent.

11. Food may not be removed from the dining room or eaten in certain areas such as classrooms, the Library, the Chapel, music department, corridors or study rooms.
12. Day pupils may not visit the Boarding House without permission from a Housemistress.
13. There should be silence, whenever the fire bell rings.
14. During the normal school day, except in an emergency, pupils may only visit the School Nurse with permission from a member of staff. Medicines (with the exception of asthma inhalers and epi pens) should be held by the School Nurse for safety and must not be kept in a pupil's possession.
15. It is not permitted for pupils to receive online tutoring whilst in school.
16. The following areas are 'out of bounds'
 - The main school drive
 - The front door, the main staircase and the maintenance areas
 - The terrace outside the Oak Room at the back of the Main School building
 - The wooded areas around the perimeter of the School grounds
 - The areas around the School ponds
 - The Science Block (without teacher supervision)
 - The Home Economics Department (without teacher supervision)
 - The Art Department (without supervision)
 - The School Kitchen areas