

ST MARGARET'S SCHOOL

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 girls must be in school at the start of the term and not leave before the published end of term date.
2. All girls attend registration, assembly/chapel as scheduled each day.
3. No day girl may leave the school campus at any time without first gaining permission from a member of staff. Senior school boarders may sign themselves out during tea break and at the weekends in the signing out book kept in the Pastoral Office.
4. Uniform should be neat and clean. Skirts should be no shorter than mid-knee length, hair should be tied back with a black band. Shoes must be plain black, with bars or lace-up as specified on the uniform list for different age groups, and made of material which can be polished. The school 3 in 1 navy jacket is needed for winter weather. Mufti scarves, hats, coats or jackets are not permitted as part of school uniform.
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. Sixth form girls must adhere to the published sixth form dress code.
8. No girl may bring in, have in her possession or use tobacco, alcohol or other prohibited substances in school or on school trips in the UK or abroad.
9. Girls 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.
10. Chewing gum, solvent-based correction fluids, matches and any items of unchecked mains operated electrical equipment are not permitted in school. Mobile phones may be brought to school by girls from Year 7 upwards but use in lessons is strictly forbidden. Younger girls may only have mobile phones if they travel to school by coach.
11. Food may not be removed from the dining room or eaten in certain areas such as classrooms, the library, Chapel, music department, corridors or study rooms.
12. Day girls may not visit dormitories without permission from a Housemistress.

13. There should be quiet in the main school corridor at all times, whenever the fire bell rings, when walking along the Chapel corridor, in the School Hall for assembly, in study rooms during lesson and prep time, and in the library as appropriate.
14. During the normal school day, except in an emergency, girls 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 girl's possession.
15. The following areas are 'out of bounds'
 - The main school drive as a pedestrian
 - The front door, the main staircase and the school kitchen areas
 - The terrace outside the Oak Room at the back of the main school
 - The wooded areas around the perimeter of the school grounds