



Malbank School & Sixth Form College

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Introduction of Tailored Shorts from September 2026

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in our recent consultation regarding the introduction of optional tailored shorts as part of the Malbank school uniform.

The response from our community was exceptional, with over **600 responses** received from parents, students and staff. The level of engagement demonstrated just how important this issue has been to many members of our school community, and I am grateful to everyone who took the time to share their views.

The results showed overwhelming support for the proposal:

- **Parents:** 402 out of 409 respondents (98%) voted in favour of introducing tailored shorts.
- **Students:** 92% of the 107 students who responded supported the proposal.
- **Staff:** 96% of the 97 staff members who shared a view were also in favour.

Having previously received approval from the Governing Board to proceed, subject to consultation, I am delighted to confirm that **from September 2026 students at Malbank will have the option of wearing tailored shorts as an alternative to trousers or skirts.**

This new option reflects the views of our community whilst maintaining the high standards of presentation that we expect from all students.

To help families prepare, we have included a collection of example images showing the style of shorts that will be acceptable from September onwards. Please note that these images are intended as guidance only.



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Uniform Requirements for Tailored Shorts

- Shorts are optional for both boys and girls and are not mandatory uniform – you do not need to have a pair of shorts unless you wish to take up the option.
- Shorts must be **grey or charcoal in colour**.
- Shorts must be made from the **same type of material as traditional school trousers or skirts**.
- Shorts must be **tailored in appearance**, including a **zip and button or other suitable fastening at the waist**.
- Students **may not wear any other type of shorts**. Sports shorts, cotton shorts, cargo shorts, jersey material shorts and similar alternatives will not be permitted.
- Both boys and girls must wear **black socks when wearing shorts**.

These requirements are intended to ensure that tailored shorts remain a smart and professional part of our school uniform.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their patience whilst we worked through this process and carefully considered the views of all stakeholders. Meaningful consultation takes time, but it is important that we listen to our community before making changes that affect students and families.

I would also like to offer a special congratulations to the students who campaigned so positively, respectfully and thoughtfully for this change. They demonstrated exactly the kind of constructive student voice that we value at Malbank. Their determination and willingness to engage in discussion played a significant part in helping us reach this point.

Thank you once again for your support, and we look forward to introducing this new uniform option from September 2026.

Yours faithfully,

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