**Business Dress Options - Women’s Clothing**

Buying your first suit or smart outfit can be daunting so here are some options. All of them are cheaper than the 6th form uniform we would have brought and can be used outside of school in a variety of smart contexts. Remember **business smart is NOT wearing your old uniform.** It is choosing something **comfortable that you would wear in an aspirational workspace**. If you are joining MAP then we expect you to take pride in the way you dress. We reserve the right to ask you to change into our school uniform or send you home if you don’t dress appropriately.

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* Teachers have to wear smart clothing to work and I personally find it easiest to have a ‘work wardrobe’ that I keep separate from my home clothes.
* To keep things simple and to keep the cost down I have a pair of plain trousers, a skirt, a blazer and then a few different blouses that go with both so I can change my top each day.
* Your skirt is always shorter that you think it is! Black tights are also good to ensure that when you sit down the skirt is still appropriate.
* Sometimes it is better to spend slightly more and buy things that you know are going to last.
* To minimise hassle buy clothes that dry easily so you can wash overnight if you need to. Polyester or viscose are the best for this. In addition, polyester blouses don’t need ironing provided you hang them up.
* Always go for comfort! If you are in between sizes then get the bigger size and wear a belt or similar to help with the fit. Being uncomfortable will affect your learning.
* When buying a blouse make sure you can fit a top underneath it for when it is chilly and that is appropriate to wear without it in the summer (stand in the light and make sure it is not see through!). This way you can wear the same clothes all year round and always be comfortable. Remember, no blouses/tops should be low cut, be ‘strappy’ or show any part of your midriff.
* Shoes are a tricky one as cheaper ones don’t always last and can often not be very flexible and rub.
* Retailers that do half sizes can be helpful (eg. M and S). Remember, no heels for safety reasons.
* Don’t go and buy items of clothing if you are not sure to be told in September it is not acceptable we will ask you to put the old uniform back on.

**Examples of Business Dress**

Below are some examples of acceptable ‘business dress’ suggested by staff and past students.

**Trousers**

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| **Retailer** | **Cost** | **Picture** | **Product Details** |
| Marks and Spencer | £19.50 | Slim Leg Ankle Grazer Trousers Image 1 of 5 | M&S COLLECTION  Slim Leg Ankle Grazer Trousers  Product code: T595563 |
| Next | £18.00 | Black Slim Trousers | Black Slim Trousers  Product code: S2654308\_C101 |
| Matalan | £14.00 | Slim Fit Trousers (29 Inch Leg) | Slim Fit Trousers  Product code: S2654308\_C101 |
| TU at Sainsbury’s | £15.00 | Black Tapered Leg Trousers With Stretch | Black Tapered Leg Trousers With Stretch  Product code  136251538 |

**Skirts**

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| **Retailer** | **Cost** | **Picture** | **Product Details** |
| Marks and Spencer | £19.50 | https://asset1.cxnmarksandspencer.com/is/image/mands/Tailored-Pencil-Skirt-6/SD_01_T59_1551S_Y0_X_EC_4?$PDP_IMAGEGRID_ZOOM_MD$ | M&S COLLECTION  Tailored Pencil Skirt (Blue/Black)  Product code: T591551S |
| Matalan | £10.00 | Pencil Skirt | Pencil Skirt  Product IDS2629023\_C101 |

**Blouses**

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| **Retailer** | **Cost** | **Picture** | **Product Details** |
| Matalan | £12.00 | Black Long Sleeve Piped Blouse | Black Long Sleeve Piped Blouse  Product IDS2765037\_C101 |
| Matalan | £14.00 | Short Sleeve Animal Print Button Shirt | Short Sleeve Animal Print Button Shirt  Product IDS2785926\_C47Q |
| H and M | £17.99 | Satin boat-necked blouse - Light beige -  | H&M GB | Satin boat-necked blouse  Art. No.0863409002 |
| George at Asda | £12.00 | https://asda.scene7.com/is/image/Asda/5059183653317?hei=686&wid=516&qlt=85&fmt=pjpg&resmode=sharp&op_usm=1.1,0.5,0,0&defaultimage=default_details_George_rd | Black Floral Print Top |
| Primark | £8.00 | https://primedia.primark.com/i/primark/129482970-01?w=1000&h=1000&img404=missing_product&v=1593531155662&locale=en-*,* | Navy Twist Hem Blouse  Product code: 9190710 |
| New Look | £15.99 | Khaki High Neck Flutter Sleeve Blouse | Khaki High Neck Flutter Sleeve Blouse  Product Code: 660140234 |

**Blazers**

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| **Retailer** | **Cost** | **Picture** | **Product Details** |
| George at Asda | £18.00 | https://asda.scene7.com/is/image/Asda/5059182573173?hei=686&wid=516&qlt=85&fmt=pjpg&resmode=sharp&op_usm=1.1,0.5,0,0&defaultimage=default_details_George_rd | Navy Zip Detail Blazer |
| New Look | £19.99 | https://media2.newlookassets.com/i/newlook/650042501/womens/clothing/coats-jackets/black-peplum-blazer.jpg?strip=true&qlt=80&w=720 | Black Peplum Blazer  Product Code: 650042501 |

**Shoes**

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| **Retailer** | **Cost** | **Picture** | **Product Details** |
| Marks and Spencer | £15.60 | Tassel Trim Loafers Image 1 of 5 | Tassel Trim Loafers  Product code: T025415 |
| New Look | £19.99 | https://media3.newlookassets.com/i/newlook/620372801D3/womens/footwear/shoes/black-suedette-bar-front-loafers.jpg?strip=true&qlt=80&w=720 | Black Suedette Bar Front Loafers  Product Code: 620372801 |
| Tu at Sainsbury’s | £12.00 | Black Ballet Pump With Bow | Black Ballet Pump With Bow  Product code  136198870 |
| Shoe zone | £14.99 | Enlarged Product Image | Lilley Womens Black Glossy Lace Up Brogue Shoe  Style Code: 15000 |
| Deichmann | £19.99 | Graceland Black Patent Loafers | Graceland  BLACK PATENT LOAFERS  Item No.: 1140367 |

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| **Image** | **Info** |
| Shirt/ Blouse  Linen-blend shirt - Light blue marl -  | H&M GB | Shop: H&M  Link: <https://www2.hm.com/en_gb/productpage.0816938002.html>  Price: £17.99 |
| Jacket  alt= | Shop: Primark  Link: <https://www.primark.com/en/the-edit/women/trailblazers/a/29449d49-17e2-4463-b628-8b1b44523ad4>  Price:£15.00 |
| Trousers  Black Slim Trousers | Shop: Next  Link: <https://www.next.co.uk/style/st259470/516898#516898>  Price: £18.00 |
| Skirt  https://asda.scene7.com/is/image/Asda/5059183204274?hei=686&wid=516&qlt=85&fmt=pjpg&resmode=sharp&op_usm=1.1,0.5,0,0&defaultimage=default_details_George_rd | Shop: Asda  Link: <https://direct.asda.com/george/women/skirts-shorts/black-denim-pencil-skirt/GEM755299,default,pd.html?cgid=D1M1G20C11>  Price:£10 |
| Shoes | Shop: NewLook  Link: <https://www.newlook.com/uk/womens/footwear/flat-heels/c/uk-womens-footwear-flat-footwear#/?q=:relevance:colourGroupCode:1&page=0&sort=relevance&content=false>  Price:£19.00 |

Student Recommendation

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| Stretch shirt - White -  | H&M GB | Shop: H and M  Link: <https://www2.hm.com/en_gb/productpage.0850917001.html>  Price:12.99 |
| Fitted jacket | H and M  Search: Fitted Jacket  Price: 24.99  <https://www2.hm.com/en_gb/productpage.0568601007.html> |
|  | H and M  <https://www2.hm.com/en_gb/productpage.0568597007.html>  Price: 19.99 |
|  | H and M Pencil Skirt  Price: 17.99  <https://www2.hm.com/en_gb/productpage.0783329001.html> |
| Shoes | Shop: NewLook  Link: <https://www.newlook.com/uk/womens/footwear/flat-heels/c/uk-womens-footwear-flat-footwear#/?q=:relevance:colourGroupCode:1&page=0&sort=relevance&content=false>  Price:£19.00 |

Total outfit cost: With Skirt: £74.95 With Trousers: £76.95