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Dear Parent/Carer

AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

In keeping with our ambition to ensure students look smart and professional, we are introducing an amended set of school uniform expectations.

In our recent Ofsted report, the Inspection Team stated: *"The behaviour of pupils is good. They take pride in their uniform."*

In order for us to continue on the journey to Outstanding, we are addressing some areas of the uniform that still needs to be improved. As a result, we have worked in conjunction with parents and students in identifying areas of the uniform needing improvement and to ensure students continue to take pride in their appearance. Both students and parents agreed that the main focus on uniform should be on the skirts worn by students and their appropriateness.

The school has now introduced two skirts that will only be worn in school. A pleated skirt and a straight/pencil skirt (available at T Kings). **These skirt styles will be the only ones accepted in the next academic year so please ensure your child has the correct style for September 2016.**

In addition, there have been some minor amendments to other uniform expectations which are listed below, in addition to the current Uniform Policy which you will find on the new school website:

- Black school jumper with logo is also acceptable but not as a blazer replacement
- **No skirts or trousers made from stretch fabric/microfibre, lycra, skin tight or denim**
- Skirts must be worn appropriately and should be either a school approved pencil skirt (available at T Kings) or pleated skirt worn no more than 8cm above or below the knee
- No extreme hairstyles; only natural colours and no nail varnish/gels/acrylic (health and safety issue in PE)
- Make up should be discreet and natural looking.

We strongly believe that if our students look professional that they will take this approach towards their studies. Please ensure that your child is dressed in accordance with the updated school dress code as I am sure you would agree that when students are correctly dressed, they are wonderful ambassadors for the school within the community.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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