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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

New School Uniform and Policy

We are pleased to launch our refreshed school uniform and policy. The new policy and new uniform list are attached.

Summary

Following the consultation, we are happy to share that we are happy to confirm the following:

- Our uniform will migrate to featuring the school's new logo
- Our preferred uniform supplier will be Uniform Direct – recognising the quality, price and customer service that they have a track record of supplying to their 500 current schools
- At a glance, our main uniform will not change much going forward
- We have taken the opportunity to introduce more “generic” items, allowing families to obtain many uniform items from wherever they choose
- This is also the case for PE uniform, we do not want kit prices to be a barrier to enjoying PE and sport
- Black remains the colour of the uniform, as the suggestion of changing to grey was not popular
- Skirts will change to a plain black pleated skirt, worn to touch the knee – kilts received mixed reviews for their look, and much unpopularity because of their cost, and a sense we could be trying to be like other schools
- There are only three items that families must buy from Uniform Direct going forward, because they will bear the school's logo: blazer, house tie, PE T-shirt
- Some further PE items bearing the school's logo will be available from Uniform Direct, but they will not be compulsory

Adoption

In September 2022:

New Year 7 (currently in Year 6) will wear the new uniform in full.

Years 8-11 (currently at the school in Years 7-10) will be allowed to wear all year any existing items of uniform for as long as they fit and are in good condition. This is because of the need to avoid wasting money and environmental responsibility.

During the school year 22-23, the school will continue to support the sale of brand new and nearly new items of uniform that bear the old school logo.

Parents buying replacement items during the course of the school year, should bear in mind which items will not be allowed from September 2023 (all generic items that do not bear the school's logo will be expected to be in line from this date – jumpers, skirts, PE uniform, etc)

We would like to clarify that hoodies will not be allowed for any students, including sixth form, for PE or otherwise.

Our uniform policy is explicit about the school's intention to confiscate items from students who show disregard for our rules and standards. The new policy is also explicit that we expect students to have a note to explain why they are not wearing correct uniform on a given day. We will contact home if a student does not have a note.

In September 2023:

Again, the new Year 7 (currently in Year 5) will wear the new uniform in full.

All items that do not bear the school's logo must be in line with the new policy – jumpers, skirts, PE uniform, etc.

Uniform bearing the old school logo will continue to be allowed for as long as it fits and is in suitable condition.

Further Thoughts About Uniform Standards

As a school, we passionately value the education that we provide. We are very proud of the achievements that we have made in improving the quality of education in recent years. We are even more proud that these improvements continue, at a pace.

In completing this consultation, the Governors of our school reiterated their commitment to uniform, for all of the reasons stated in our policy.

We encourage our students to demonstrate that they have pride in their school, that they value their education and that they recognise that they are so fortunate to live in a country where education is a right, and is provided free of charge to them all.

We would welcome your further support in encouraging your children to show the community how proud they are, in how they choose to wear our uniform on the way to and from school.

Yours faithfully,

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