

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Uniform and Equipment

As this term draws to a close, I know many of you will already be thinking about new uniform and equipment for September. It is, therefore, a timely point to set out a reminder of our uniform requirements to avoid costly errors. There are no changes to our uniform as you will see below and, as ever, it is your choice whether you purchase items with school badges or plain versions.

All students are expected to wear a white shirt (short or long-sleeved) with our school tie. A navy-blue jumper or cardigan accompanies this, with (or without) the school badge.

Students should wear black trousers or a skirt and these should be an ironable, tailored material. Skirts should be of a suitable style (not tight, lycra, tube style as these have a habit of rising up and becoming very short) and should be no shorter than mid-thigh. If students choose to wear trousers, we ask that they are not skinny fit, not leggings and they are not ankle length- they should be full length. Black, white or grey socks and black tights can also be worn.

**Students in Years 7 and 8 wear blazers which gives them a clear identity for their secondary phase of education.**

Smart shoes should be worn. They should be of a polishable material and should not display any coloured/metallic logos. Trainers are not allowed. Boots can be worn in the winter but only when the student is wearing trousers.

We ask that our students do not have piercings other than a single ear piercing, have hair colouring within the normal range of hair colour and that hair is kept smart. SMART watches are not permitted.

All students will require a PE kit for their PE lessons. Students should wear a navy-blue t-shirt and shorts or skirt for the girls and navy long socks. Students will also need a pair of trainers and football boots. We suggest they also have navy tracksuit bottoms, a navy fleece and navy base layers for the colder months as PE lessons will still take place outside. If students wish to wear base layers (e.g. leggings) their normal PE kit should be worn over the top. If purchasing branded PE kit, the school badge will reflect the colour of the student's house (please see you child's form tutor to find out which house they are in). All long hair should be tied back and all jewellery removed.

Please make sure all uniform and PE kit is name labelled.

We do keep some spare uniform in school which is pre-worn and washed. If you need support with any item of uniform, please let us know.

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## Equipment

One change I would like to mention centres around equipment. We have always encouraged students to bring along basic equipment such as pens and pencils, but have provided them in school if they were forgotten. However, we are finding that many students are not bringing any equipment to school at all, meaning that we are providing larger quantities of stationery than ever before. This is proving problematic on two fronts; firstly, it is very disruptive to lessons and learning when large numbers of students need to collect equipment and secondly, it is proving costly as much of the equipment is not returned or is damaged. Although we have some money allocated for resources in school, it is limited and we would prefer to spend it on items that would really enhance learning. So, in view of this, we would expect that all students arrive each day prepared to learn with the basics.

These include:

- a pen (handwriting variety KS2, biro -if preferred- KS3)
- a pencil
- a ruler
- a rubber.

If a glue stick can be provided, this would be much appreciated, however, we would ask that sharpeners, scissors and pairs of compasses are not included. Coloured pencils can be added, but are not essential. If you are not able to provide the key items, please contact us. Students without equipment will receive a behaviour point, so we would really like to see them rising to the challenge of being prepared and organised for the day ahead which in itself is a life skill and responsibility that they are ready for at this stage. We appreciate your support with this.

If you have any queries about uniform or equipment, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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