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Dear Parent/Guardian

School Uniform from September 2020

I am aware that many of you are turning your attention towards September and uniform will be part of this focus. In the coming days I will be writing to you to explain our plan for opening fully, but as we move towards the new academic year, I wanted to highlight the following. The Government released full guidance on opening from September and as part of that guidance it made specific reference to uniform stating that they encourage all schools to return to their usual uniform policy and that there is no need to clean this more often or a different way than usual. I have sent this letter before I offer full information on opening in response to the many questions we are receiving regarding uniform.

All students will either start (new Year 7) or return to school in September and will be required to wear full school uniform. For clarity, we have included our uniform expectation below.

Main School Uniform (Year 7-11)

BOYS	GIRLS
Traditional white shirt (long or short sleeved)	Traditional white shirt (long or short sleeved)
School striped tie (Y7 & Y8) School Griffin tie (Y9 to Y11)	School striped tie (Y7 & Y8) School Griffin tie (Y9 to Y11)
Blazer (navy with embroidered logo)	Blazer (navy with embroidered logo)
Charcoal grey trousers (code 000126 single pleat)	Straight leg girls trouser in navy (code 011421) OR David Luke navy drop waist skirt (worn just above the knee) A navy salwar may be worn under the skirt for religious reasons.
Plain, navy v-necked jumper (optional) – not in place of blazer	Plain, navy v-necked jumper (optional) - not in place of blazer
Protective clothing for use in Art and Technology (eg: lab coat or old shirt) Apron for Food Technology	Protective clothing for use in Art and Technology (eg: lab coat or old shirt) Apron for Food Technology
Plain black or navy coat or anorak Black or navy socks Plain black, navy, grey turbans	Plain black or navy coat or anorak Black or navy socks/tights Plain black, navy, grey headscarves/hijabs

Our partner school uniform stockist is Stevensons in Reading who are the only suppliers of items bearing the school logo (<http://www.stevensons.co.uk>). It may however be possible to obtain other items elsewhere, but they must be identical to the Stevensons product.

Shoes

School shoes should be black, formal and polishable shoes with no logos as per our updated uniform policy for September 2019. Boots, trainers, canvas shoes etc. are not appropriate and students should not wear them. Shoes should be sensible i.e. not have thick soles or high heels/wedges.

Please see the examples below of shoes that are not appropriate and should not be worn to school:



We have spare shoes for any student that is found to be wearing the wrong shoes, unless they have a medical note from a parent to explain why this is the case. This will ensure that no lesson time is lost.

Personal Appearance

Please find below our expectations with regards to the personal appearance of students:

- Well-groomed hair (no extreme styles).
- Long hair tied back.
- One small silver/gold stud or ring in each ear only.
- No other jewellery should be worn to school.
- Natural coloured hair.
- No make-up or nail varnish except light foundation.
- We recommend that all students wear a wristwatch for school.
- Head scarves may be worn for religious reasons by agreement and should be plain black or navy.

Physical Education Kit

	BOYS	GIRLS
Compulsory	Polo shirt with school logo Plain navy shorts Plain navy socks long (outdoor PE) Plain white short socks (indoor PE) Non-marking trainers School rugby shirt with logo Football boots Shin pads* Mouth guard*	Polo shirt with school logo Plain navy shorts Plain navy socks long (outdoor PE) Plain white short socks (indoor PE) Non-marking trainers Football boots Shin pads* Mouth guard*
Optional	Rain jacket with logo Plain navy tracksuit bottoms Mid-layer top	Rain jacket with logo Plain navy tracksuit bottoms Mid-layer top Plain navy PE Fleece Plain black or navy leggings

*NB: When students are competing in football or hockey, they MUST have shin pads. When students are participating in hockey or rugby, we HIGHLY RECOMMEND that mouth guards are worn.

In September, we will ask that on days when students have PE on their timetable that they come to school wearing their PE kit, as they will not be able to use the PE Changing Room.

If you require any clarification, regarding the school uniform policy, please contact your child's Head of Year. We are looking forward to welcoming all students back to school in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gibson
Headteacher