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Dear Parent/Guardian

School Uniform

There are many reasons why uniform is important including: it supports the behaviour policy, promoting discipline and a sense of order; it unites a group of people and creates a sense of community; it saves money on everyday clothing and promotes a sense of equality and most importantly, it supports the safeguarding of students on the school site.

Many of you will have picked Maiden Erlegh School for the high standards we maintain whilst preparing our young people for their future careers. We would like to request your support in speaking to your child about the importance of uniform and wearing the appropriate items to school. We are keen to have positive interactions, supporting their learning and wellbeing and not having to focus on trainers, excessive makeup, etc. These negative interactions are detrimental to the positive relationships that teaching staff are trying to build.

The majority of our school community attend school each day, in the correct uniform, ready to learn. However, a small minority let the wider team down. It is a new year and a fresh start therefore we will be focusing on uniform over the coming weeks and ensuring everyone is wearing the right clothing.

In particular, can you ensure your child is:

1. Wearing a blazer (in addition to the normal skirt, trousers and white shirt). They should not wear a jumper instead of a blazer and no hoodies are allowed.
2. Wearing a tie appropriate for their year group (Striped for Year 7&8, Griffin for Year 9-11 or a Prefect tie).
3. Not wearing excessive jewellery and makeup. There should be no false eyelashes and only light foundation should be worn. All students should only wear 1 stud earring in each ear and smart watches should not be worn to school.
4. Nails should be short, with no polish. There should be no acrylic nails as this will prevent students from taking part in certain subjects.
5. Wearing polishable black shoes. This does not include trainers, UGG boots etc!

The full list of uniform requirements can be accessed [here](#).

If you have financial concerns regarding purchasing uniform, or your child is in Year 11 and therefore nearing the end of their school career, can you please speak to their Head of Year and we will provide spare uniform or help you in accessing the pupil premium funds you may qualify for.

If students do not come to school wearing the right uniform, they will be offered spare uniform. They will be asked to hand in their phone for the day, which will be securely stored and returned to them at the end of the day, when they return the item of uniform. If they fail to utilise this support, they will be issued with a negative behavior point. Three of these points, will result in a 1 hour detention, which they will complete after school. You can track these behavior points via the My Child at School App.

We have already lent out a lot of uniform and some of this has gone missing. Can we request that any borrowed uniform is returned to school and if you have any spare items of uniform that are no longer used, if you would consider donating this to the school, then we can lend this to students in need. If you have any uniform then please bring to reception as soon as possible.

We are keen to work with you and your child to ensure everyone is wearing the right uniform and solve any issues. If you have any questions, then please contact your child's tutor or Head of Year in the first instance via mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P Gibson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr P Gibson
Headteacher