

23rd April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to our School Uniform

We have undertaken a review of our uniform to try and further reduce costs to families, especially to those who have already purchased a full school uniform for a mainstream school. Governors have this morning approved the following changes which are in place for all new starters from today and for existing learners from September 2026.

- **We have added dark grey trousers as an option to black ones** - *This is because the vast majority of mainstream schools have either black or dark grey tailored trousers as a requirement for boys or girls, so this aligns our school with mainstreams*
- **Learners are to wear traditional white school shirts not polo shirts** – *This is because most schools already have this as part of their uniform, so families won't need to buy polo shirts especially for here. Plus, learners' feedback is that their school shirts have more comfortable collars.*
- **Learners are to wear traditional black school shoes not trainers** – *Again, this is because most schools already require learners to wear a traditional school shoe. It has also become increasingly difficult to get learners to wear plain, completely black trainers because they want to wear the latest, and often very expensive designer/branded trainers. Again, we feel that not allowing trainers reduces the pressure on families to purchase expensive trainers for school.*
- **Girls will no longer be allowed to wear skirts** – *This reflects a growing change in most mainstream schools, and many schools have plaid style skirts that wouldn't be able to be worn here. Plus, we know parents are under pressure to purchase tight, short stretchy skirts that are not appropriate in style for school. Interestingly, apart from one or two of our current Y11s, all the girls choose to wear trousers. so we are making this the requirement from now on.*
- **We have extended when our optional summer uniform can be worn** – *At the request of learners we have extended the time our optional school uniform can be worn. It can now be worn after the Easter holidays up to the start of the following October half term.*

By sharing this information now and by putting it on the website we have given you enough time to purchase appropriate new uniform for the coming academic year.

I hope that you will also appreciate that these changes should reduce costs to parents/families as we endeavour to ensure existing uniform basics can continue to be used and, as is often the case, passed down to younger siblings.

The remainder of our uniform expectations remain unchanged and I thank you for continuing to support us in ensuring our learners, your children, look smart for school.

Yours sincerely



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