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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you may well be aware the Governing Body has recently completed a review of our school uniform.

As a result of this review, which involved consultation with parents, pupils and staff, they have decided to replace the current uniform. The changes involve replacing the sweatshirt / hoodie with a navy v-necked sweater with embroidered school logo and replacing the red polo shirt with a white polo shirt embroidered with the school logo.

The PE Department will be replacing its white polo shirt with a navy blue polo shirt embroidered with the school logo.

The full list of uniform as contained in the school diary will now be as follows:-

Skirts or Trousers:

Plain black, knee length OR plain black or dark charcoal grey CLASSIC cut. Not patterned or mottled, not shorter or longer. Not jeans, cords, leather, flared, flecked, striped or patterned, nor any other variation of black.

Polo Shirt:

Standard school pattern. White with embroidered school logo. No other alternative is acceptable. No alternative T-shirt is to be worn underneath the polo shirt.

V-Necked Sweater:

Optional wear over school polo shirt. No alternative is acceptable. No alternative undergarment is acceptable. No lack of polo shirt is acceptable.

Socks or Tights:

Plain black. No alternative is acceptable.

Shoes:

Plain black, **low heeled**. Backless shoes are not acceptable. No other colour is acceptable. Fancy patterns and suede are **not** acceptable. High heels **must not** be worn. The wearing of trainers is not permitted. Should a pupil need to wear a soft shoe for medical reasons a parental/doctor's letter is required.

Topcoat:

A smart, plain, dark navy or black all weather coat with no prominent logo is compulsory. NB casual, fashion and leather jackets are NOT a permitted alternative. (Our school all weather navy coat with embroidery is available for all pupils.)

Jewellery:

For reasons of safety and security in School the wearing of bracelets, neck chains, earrings and rings is **not** permitted. Ear-studs are strongly discouraged for the same practical reasons, but in any case **not more than one stud per ear on each ear lobe** will be acceptable. No piercings in any other areas are permissible, e.g. facial, tongue piercings etc.

Make-up:

Make-up is **not** permitted. Coloured bows and head-bands are **not** allowed. Whilst headscarves are not allowed for the vast majority of pupils, in certain circumstances they may be permitted by the Headteacher.

Hair:

No excessively extreme short shaved hair cuts will be allowed e.g. tram lines, shaved heads or Mohicans etc. along with any unusual/unnatural dye/colouring e.g. pink, red, green etc. Should there be any doubt about the acceptability of a particular item of wear, or of hairstyle or length, the Headteacher's decision must be accepted.

The changes will be introduced in September 2010. The new uniform will be compulsory for new Year 7 pupils but will be phased in over one year for pupils in year 8-11.

The Governors now intend to extend their review to look at the uniform of students in years 12 and 13 but this uniform will remain the same for the academic year 2010/11.

Yours faithfully

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