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Ref: KB/KAB

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: School uniform guidance**

I am writing to you in advance of the 2018-19 Autumn term to advise a change to our uniform policy. This, I hope will give you as much time as possible when purchasing new school uniform items and avoid any unnecessary disagreements in September.

We firmly believe that a school uniform gives a sense of belonging and pride in the school whilst ensuring equality amongst students. In addition, a smart appearance contributes positively to the students' attitude to work and study; it also influences how the school is portrayed to the general public and visitors to the school.

The school uniform policy is compulsory for all students in Years 7-11; our Sixth Form students have a separate dress code.

Our latest review has resulted in one significant change; from September 2018 we will be removing the option for students to wear **Vans** of any kind. All students should be wearing plain black, formal shoes.

**From September 2018 the school uniform requirements are as follows:**

- Plain black or dark grey trousers or skirt (of appropriate length and fit)
- Plain white shirt
- House tie
- School sweatshirt
- Formal black shoes (completely black in colour – no brands, tags, names, colours)

We are aware that many retail outlets identify their products as 'school wear' but in many cases the items do not comply with our uniform policy. This is particularly true for trousers/skirts and footwear so I would like to clarify these areas and invite you to review the accompanying uniform guidance booklet. Trousers and skirts should be plain black or dark grey and of an appropriate length and fit. Leggings, jeggings, jeans or similar items are not acceptable. The same applies to footwear. Please be aware that shoes must be leather and completely black in colour.

To support you in making the right choices and avoiding unnecessary expense of repurchasing items we have published an extensive guide to uniform; our intention is to support parents when purchasing items and to avoid unnecessary additional costs. We have sourced acceptable items from local retailers at a range of prices; these can be found in the uniform guidance booklet. This is not an exhaustive list so please do not hesitate to contact your year team or myself for further clarification before the Autumn term begins.

We appreciate a small number of our students wear specialist footwear so we would ask evidence of this be submitted to the appropriate Head of Year as soon as possible. If this has been supplied in the past please

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renew this request. We also appreciate that from time to time foot injuries can create a need for 'non-compliant' footwear. This again must be evidenced and agreed with the year team in a timely fashion.

We request that you adhere to the schools' uniform policy by ensuring that your child is appropriately dressed for school and thank you for continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Beeby', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mr K Beeby  
Deputy Headteacher