

21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **School Uniform**

Although the new school year is still six weeks away, I think it would be helpful for me to write with some reminders about school uniform. We sometimes find that parent parents or carers commit themselves to certain purchases during the holiday, only to find in September that the school cannot support the choices that have been made.

The school's uniform policy is attached. A quick look will show that it is considerably longer than previous versions, but in fact the changes are very few. The additional pages are mostly explained by the illustrations that we have added. I hope that you find these helpful.

There are just two changes that I should highlight. We want, over time, to see our students in outdoor coats that are black or dark blue. This will apply to all of the Year 8s from September and then to their successors as they join the school. There are also some adjustments to the descriptions of acceptable PE kit.

In this connection I am pleased to say that the work on the changing rooms has been completed, making it unnecessary for students to come to school in their kit on the days when they have PE.

If your son or daughter presses you to agree to new hairstyles, piercings, or false nails during the holiday, please take a moment to look at the illustrations in our uniform document. It is not unknown for children to assure their parents or carers that an extreme of fashion would be "perfectly acceptable", when that is certainly not the case.

Any questions about school uniform should be referred in the first instance to your son/daughter's head of house.

Yours sincerely,



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