

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

## **School Uniform**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this academic year, I am writing to reiterate our expectations regarding school uniform for September 2023. Throughout our correspondence this year, we have signalled that we are changing the school skirt from the straight- or A-Line skirt to a full pleated skirt for all students and have recommended that when replacing the school skirt this change is observed. The full pleated skirt has been in place for our current year 7's since joining the school last year, but going forward from September 2023 we expect <u>all</u> our students to be wearing the fully pleated skirt. Directors of Learning and tutors will be supporting students to understand this shift.

We have also alerted parents through social media that a consultative process has taken place including the views of parents, carers, governors, and students, to seek a more accessible and cheaper retailer, and we announced our new online retailer, Price and Buckland as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

Our updated policy can be found here <u>Uniform</u> and this outlines the change of school skirt, as well as what can be bought from high street retailers and/or Price and Buckland and also our new PE uniform. Our new year 7's will be in the new PE uniform and there will be a gradual shift for years 8-11 to the new PE kit. Please be mindful when purchasing school shoes these must not be black trainers. An overview of acceptable footwear can be found in the uniform policy.

Please note that if you wish to purchase uniform from Price and Buckland, there is a deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> August to ensure delivery before the September term starts. If your delivery to school does not arrive before the end of this summer term, please note that this will not be available until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Overwhelmingly, our students report that they are proud to wear our uniform and feel it supports a sense of community and belonging. Please would you support us in upholding the standards for which we are immensely proud, and I look forward to continuing our close relationship in this respect.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs V Pirie Assistant Headteacher