



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

14th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are now in the final half term of the year I want to take a moment to share some key information about changes in the academic year ahead.

Firstly, our uniform policy for next year has now been published following consultation with parents and carers, staff and students and has been ratified by the Governing Body. You will have heard that our uniform supplier has now changed to Price & Buckland, an online supplier. All uniform can be purchased from www.price-buckland.co.uk. They deliver fortnightly to the school which will allow for free returns and delivery and we hope that having an online platform will make the ordering process much easier. Due to the potential volume of orders there is a deadline for guaranteed delivery of orders for the start of the new Academic Year; on Tuesday 1st August 2023.

One of the main changes that has been signaled throughout this academic year is that the school skirt **for all year groups** is full pleated skirt. Although these can be purchased from the new supplier, they can also be purchased on the high street as long as it is still the correct style – a full pleat. There will be no other skirt styles permitted from 1st September 2023.

A reminder also that school shoes do need to be appropriate; picture guidance is provided in the uniform policy to avoid any misinformation or disappointment. We would be grateful if you could support us in ensuring students adhere to our policy and meet our high standards.

We do have a new PE kit, but this will be phased in. This can be bought when and if needed and 'nearly new' PE kit passed on through the family is still acceptable. For full details of our uniform policy including photos can be found and an order form for Price & Buckland can be found here: <https://st-edwards.poole.sch.uk/parents/uniform-policy/>

For most students we will be moving towards the use of SIMS for homework and for correspondence with parents and carers. This means that from September, there will be no student planner. Instead information previously in the planner will either be located on our school website, or on a student standards card which will include: the standards passport, their timetable and space to record any key events or appointments.

From September, there will also be a change of oversight for Year 10, with Mr Kemish taking over as Director of Learning, with Mrs Lord remaining as the Engagement Support Worker (formally LBS). This is due to my departure from St Edward's, moving onto a new position in a new school. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you so much for your support this academic year and over the past 3 years. We have had so many successes to celebrate both as a school, as a year group and also individually, and I would like to wish each and every student the best of luck in their future endeavours as I know that they will take their gifts and talents onto the summer exams next year and beyond. It has been a privilege to help them on their journey, and I will remember them fondly.

I hope you and your family have a lovely summer break and I look forward to welcoming our students back into Year 11 on **Tuesday 5th September 2023**.

Kind Regards,

Mr Michael Wood
Director of Learning KS4