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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Uniform

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to say what a fantastic start to the year we have had. As we approach half term it feels timely to remind everyone about our uniform policy. For the avoidance of doubt, please find a summary of what is included in the policy below. We know that the recent increases in the cost of living will be impacting many families and recognise that uniform can be expensive but with the support from both home and school we can ensure we are maintaining high standards and supporting students to make sure they are fully equipped to learn.

Trousers

- Must be plain black and in a tailored formal style;
- Must **not** be cropped, tight/skinny fit, made of stretch or patterned fabric. They must **not** have decorative button, buckles or fashion belts;
- Jeans, flares, cargo or bootlegged trousers, tracksuit bottoms, jeggings or leggings are **not** acceptable.

Skirts

- Must be plain black and in a tailored formal style. Skirts may be A-line, pencil or pleated (twin, knife or box pleat);
- Tight-fitting, tube skirts are **not** acceptable.
- Must sit on or just above the knee;
- Must **not** be made of jersey, stretch or patterned fabric;
- Must be worn with a minimum of plain black 40 denier tights.

Shoes

- School shoes must be plain black made of a polishable material and free from embellishments and decorations. Please note that trainers, canvas shoes, boots or pumps are not acceptable.

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Other

- The academy blazer (purchased only from the uniform provider) is to be worn at all times.
- Socks should be plain black ankle length socks.
- School shirts should be plain white and formal shirts. These must be tucked in at all times.
- Coats/hoodies are never to be worn under blazers or otherwise at any time within the academy. Coats must be removed once inside the academy building.
- No phones, smart watches or other electronic devices are allowed (at any time in the academy – this includes after school activities). Phones must be switched off and in the bottom of the student's bag.
- Students must attend the academy fully equipped with a bag, planner and a pen ready to learn.
- Ties must be worn at all times and not defaced with writing. The top button on the shirt must be fastened and the tie worn appropriately. Ties can be bought from our uniform provider, Trutex, or purchased from school reception using iPay.
- Make-up must not be worn. This includes false eyelashes, false nails and painted nails.
- PE kit must be brought on the days the student has PE. Failure to do so will result in a sanction.
- Water bottles should be brought into the academy to allow students to stay hydrated throughout the day. These can be filled during breaks and lunch times using the water fountain in the dining hall. Energy drinks, of any kind, are not allowed in the academy.
- Jewellery should not be worn in the academy, a normal digital watch is acceptable.

Students wearing items that do not match these descriptions will be asked to change and support will be given to parents/carers to source acceptable options if needed. Should you have any queries regarding uniform, please contact your child's Learning Manager.

We believe that a smart uniform improves discipline, self-esteem and self-respect. Uniform focuses attention upon learning and away from distractions. So that all pupils have a sense of pride in their appearance, we ask that the uniform is worn appropriately and in its entirety.

We welcome your support in ensuring that your child continues to wear the correct uniform as specified above.

Yours sincerely



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Pastoral Lead