



1 February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Introduction of the new uniform for September 2017
Letter for students currently in Year 10

There has been a lot of discussion recently amongst students and at the PTSA meeting about the new uniform. We have been consulting widely with all stakeholders for over a year about this – I first wrote to you regarding the consultation in November 2015 – and have where possible incorporated feedback in the final design. I am pleased to confirm that we are now in a position to share more details with you.

In preparation for this, we worked with three suppliers to ensure that they could supply the uniform we wanted and that it represented best value for parents. I am pleased to inform you that we have decided to stick with Uniform Direct as our uniform supplier: parents seem happy with the service they provide and they were able to source the uniform we wanted. We wanted the uniform to be both durable and affordable too, and the prices we have been quoted for the new jackets, for example, are identical to the price you are currently paying.

We believe that the new uniform looks very smart: boys will be wearing a suit, girls will be wearing a flat-fronted kilt in muted colours with a jacket. There will also be a trouser alternative for girls.

Uniform Direct have provided us with various designs and samples along the way, and we are told that there will be a final version available for display purposes towards the end of March. We will, of course, let you know the date nearer the time and you will be welcome to come into school to see it. We are assured that it will be ready for sale by July, and they have offered to open a couple of “pop up shops” in school should you find this easier than going to Gainsborough.

We appreciate that students currently in Year 10 will get less than a year’s wear out of their uniform, so are happy to fund the jacket and skirt/trousers for each student. Although we are changing the PE kit for September too, students in Year 11 will be allowed to wear their old kit but may buy the new PE kit if they wish.

We will expect all students to be in full uniform for the first day of September and thank you for your support with this. It is surprising how much time is wasted in school on uniform issues, time which could and should be spent on education.

Yours sincerely



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