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Dear Parents and Carers

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Following student feedback, we are currently reviewing our uniform policy and would like to inform you of some planned changes. Additionally, we are consulting with you regarding a change of policy regarding skirts.

PE Kit

Over time, we will be phasing out the rugby shirt and sweatshirt, replacing them with a quarter zip top. The new PE kit will be compulsory for all new Year 7 students from September 2025 and optional for students in Years 8–11 starting in September 2025. Current students may continue to purchase the existing items.

School Jumper

The optional royal blue sweater will be replaced by a grey V-neck with navy piping. We are grateful to the student council for their valuable input in making this change.

Skirts

Working with our uniform supplier, Price and Buckland, we have always limited the number of branded items, allowing black skirts and trousers to be purchased affordably from supermarkets or other suppliers. However, the choice of skirt design has caused confusion for some parents, so we want to clarify the acceptable skirt design while still allowing for options from various suppliers.

Currently, we have two recommended skirts from Price and Buckland: the black senior pleated skirt and the black straight skirt. We will be removing the black straight skirt option. You can find the link to the black senior pleated skirt here: <u>Black Senior Pleated Skirt | Price & Buckland</u>

The part we are consulting you on is whether we should remove skirts from the uniform policy entirely and require all students to wear black trousers. Several parents have suggested this, and we want to gather your views. This change will simplify the uniform policy and eliminate any confusion regarding correct school attire. Alternatively, we could continue allowing students to choose between skirts or trousers, but only the pleated skirt design would be permitted.

Please click the link below to share your preference by Thursday 3 April. We will also be giving students the opportunity to provide their input.

Uniform Update - Skirt Feedback

All changes will take effect from September 2025. Once the updates are confirmed and available for purchase, parents and carers will receive an updated uniform policy.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Kelly, Headteacher



