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Dear Parents,

As you are aware, we have been consulting with the Year 11 students about the introduction of a Sixth Form uniform from next September. I would like to thank the students who have been working with me on this, representing their tutor group. They have been bringing forward comments from their peers and have been excellent throughout the process, approaching the task in a very mature and responsible manner. I also appreciated the opportunity to take into account the comments of parents and thank those parents who contacted me to share their views.

The decision to reconsider Sixth Form dress was taken in response to conversations we have had with a good number of Sixth Form students, who have said they would have preferred to have had a uniform in the Sixth Form. They find the present dress code difficult to adhere to as the dress the school considers suitable for a working environment does not coincide with the clothes the students want to buy for use outside school. It was also, in part, concerns over the costs involved in requiring students to buy an additional wardrobe for school, and the pressure on them to have a range of suitable outfits, that have caused us to reconsider. A number of comments have also been received by Mrs Chapman and Governors about the fact that the way some of the Sixth Form students currently present themselves is not consistent with the image and standing of the School within the community.

The new uniform is outlined on the attached sheet. Students will be able to access items from any retailer, including uniform suppliers, if they so wish. We have been very conscious of the question of cost and hope that students will be able to use some of the items of clothing they buy to wear in school for more formal occasions outside school, (perhaps for work or an interview) by mixing and matching with other items they have. We are anticipating that the students will find the uniform easy to adhere to and that we will not need to be more prescriptive in our description of items allowed. We are preparing an illustration of possible garments to be put on the VLE and school website in the near future.

We have tried to clarify what is allowed and not allowed but, in giving the students some flexibility in their interpretation of the uniform, it is important that they should understand the need to adhere to the 'spirit of the law'. We are not able to anticipate the changes in fashion that will take place during their time in the Sixth Form and therefore are not able to cover every eventuality. The principle is that they should be smartly dressed at all times. If they have any queries, they should check with me before wearing an item to school. Should a student not be correctly dressed, we will have a selection of appropriate garments which will be lent to them for the day. Should it be necessary to do this more than twice, the student will be sent home to change. We will be monitoring the situation through the year and making any modifications necessary for the following September.

I thank you for your support in the matter. If you have any comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. J. McDonald
Assistant Headteacher/Sixth Form





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Sixth Form Uniform from September 2010

Blazer/Jacket	Plain black Hip length Black buttons Long sleeves	No zips No embellishment Worn summer and winter Sleeves not turned up No leather/denim etc.
Skirt	Black or grey Length (shortest 2½ or 3 inches above knee - Longest mid-calf)	No leather/denim/satin etc. No embellishment No slits
Trousers	Black or grey Smart, tailored Long	No shorts or cropped trousers No jeans style No leggings or jeggings No embellishment
Tailored shirt/blouse	Plain (or with discreet stripe) White or colour Long or short sleeved	No fluorescent colours Not sleeveless No excessive frills or ruffles
Jumpers or cardigans	Black or grey Long sleeve or sleeveless V neck or rounded V	Fine wool Must not be longer than the jacket
Shoes	Black or dark grey Discreet two tone acceptable Patent or suede acceptable Heels maximum 2½ inches	No stilettos No canvas/trainers No boots or Uggs No sandals or flip flops
Tights	Plain black, grey or natural	
Socks	Plain black, grey or white Long or short	Not over the knee
Make up and nail varnish	Discreet and appropriate for the working environment	
Jewellery and hair accessories	Discreet and appropriate for the working environment Hair must be hair-coloured	
Belts	Black or grey	
Coats and outdoor clothing	Coats should be smart and suitable for wearing with business wear Scarves should only be worn to and from school No hats to be worn in school	