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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform requirements. We have enjoyed excellent co-operation from parents over the years to ensure students arrive at school smart, tidy and ready to work and I am pleased to note that the majority of our students adhere to our requirements.

We are anxious to maintain high standards of dress and appearance, particularly as we move into the warmer months. I would like to specifically draw attention to girls' skirts and the section that makes it clear what is not allowed. Girls are not permitted to wear short skirts that are made of stretchy, tight material. It is also clear in this section that 'hoodies' and track suit tops are not permitted at school.

During the remainder of this half term (until May 26th), students not adhering to the requirements will be challenged and it will be made clear to them what they need to do to correct the situation.

Following half term (from June 5th), students who attend school with incorrect uniform will be placed in isolation during periods of free time until their uniform is corrected. Students who come to school with 'hoodies' or track suit tops will have these items removed from them until the end of the day.

Please can you ensure you are clear on the requirements below prior to purchasing any new uniform. Be very careful of buying uniform from popular shops that have a 'back to school' section. Just because an item of clothing is in this section, does not mean that it automatically meets our requirements.

Uniform Requirements

Key Stage 3 Students (Years 7, 8 and 9) - Students must wear:

- A navy polo shirt with the school logo stitched or heat sealed on.
- A navy v-neck jumper, navy sweatshirt or navy cardigan all with the school logo stitched or heat sealed on.
- Plain black tailored trousers or a plain black knee length skirt
- Sensible plain black shoes
- A plain black or brown belt (only if required), with a simple fastening.

Key Stage 4 Students (Years 10 and 11) - Students must wear:

- A plain white shirt or blouse with a collar and the school logo stitched or heat sealed on, or a white polo shirt with the school logo stitched or heat sealed on.
- A black v-neck jumper, black sweatshirt or black cardigan all with the school logo stitched or heat sealed on.
- Plain black tailored trousers or a plain black knee length skirt
- Sensible plain black shoes
- A plain black or brown belt (only if required), with a simple fastening.

Students are not allowed to wear the following items:

- Shorts of any length or style
- Skirts shorter than knee length
- Jeans, or denim trousers or denim skirts of any type or colour
- Pinstripe, checked or patterned trousers or skirts
- Tight Lycra trousers or jean styles (patch pockets, rivets)
- Trousers that tight below the knee, skinny style trousers
- Tight skirts made of stretchy material
- Clothing displaying brand names or brand logos

- Fashion shoes including fabric shoes, trainers, pumps, plimsols, backless shoes, open toe shoes, stiletto heeled shoes or any boots
- Fashion, studded or wide belts
- 'Hoodies' or tracksuit style tops
- Coloured t-shirts underneath school shirts or school polo shirts

Hair Colour, Hair Style and Make-up

Natural hair colours only are permitted. Hairstyles must not include extreme colours or styles. Excessive use of make-up is not allowed.

Jewellery

- One pair of studs or small sleeper earrings is allowed. No other body piercing is allowed - this includes the use of retainers
- One plain ring may be worn on either hand
- One watch may be worn
- One discreet necklace may be worn
- One discreet bracelet on each arm, may be worn

All permitted jewellery must be removed when requested by any member of the school staff as appropriate e.g. during PE, D & T or other lessons and activities where it may pose a health and safety risk.

PE Kit

Indoor Kit:

Plain green (standard school green) polo shirt - the current white shirts are to be phased out.

- Black shorts
- White or no socks
- Indoor clean non-marking trainers

Outdoor Kit:

- Green and black long sleeved shirt - Available from Drury Sports only.
- Black shorts
- Green long socks
- Boots and outdoor trainers
- Towel for showers (boys)
- Navy or black tracksuit bottoms may be worn during winter months for outdoor activities
- A gum shield and shin pads are strongly recommended

Swimming Kit:

- Boys - swimming trunks or shorts (not long) and towel
- Girls - a one piece swim suit/costume and towel
- Goggles can be worn if required

Outdoor Wear

We ask students to ensure that this is clearly an outdoor coat that will keep them suitably warm and dry. If students are wearing appropriate school jumpers, cardigans or sweatshirts then there is no need for additional clothing (aside from the outdoor coat). We also ask that students remove hats and scarves as they enter a building.

For a colour guide to uniform, please see the school website

<http://www.driffielschool.net/index.php/information/uniform>

We appreciate your continued support in this matter. If you have any queries or further questions regarding the uniform requirements, please contact your child's Head of House in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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