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**Dear Parents & Carers** 

### **RE: School Uniform Reminder**

I am writing to you today to remind parents and carers of our uniform expectations. We appreciate that there have been challenges in securing uniform items at the start of the year and in lockdown as well as establishing our normal high expectations with periods of remote learning. Nonetheless, the wearing of school uniform is an important aspect of school life and one that also prepares students for a work environment where formal dress is required. The uniform and the way it is worn, as well as being a reflection of ourselves as individuals, is a reflection on the school and its standards. Moreover, it prevents the excesses of competition in fashionable/designer label clothes and the formation of dress-identified cliques. We want to continue to maintain our high standards and we appreciate your support in ensuring your child adheres to our uniform policy.

# Summer Uniform from Monday 19th April:

Owing to repeated problems with supply we have now phased out the Summer Polo shirts. During the Summer Term jumpers will be optional. **Blazers and school ties should be worn**. During particularly hot spells of weather, we will have "no blazer days". We will communicate this as and when it is required.

# **Uniform Expectations:**

## Girls' School Uniform

- Navy blue blazer with school badge (available from Hewitts)
- Plain, navy blue V-necked pullover with school badge (in House colours available from Hewitts)
- Navy blue A Line skirt with inverted pleat; available from Hewitts in 18/22-inch length Skirt lengths must be no more than 15cm above the knee. No other skirts should be worn.
- Navy blue, "Banner" trousers with a waistband are an acceptable alternative to the skirt these are available for purchase from Hewitts
- Plain white revere collared blouse
- Plain black sensible leather shoes (no logo), maximum 3cm inner edge of heel, no boots, no canvas shoes, no trainer style shoes.
- Navy <u>or</u> black socks <u>or</u> neutral coloured or plain tights (not patterned) both socks and tights should not be worn together.
- Socks should not be worn above the knee.

# **Boys' School Uniform**

- Navy blue blazer with school badge (available from Hewitts)
- Plain, navy blue v-necked pullover with school badge (in House colours)
- Plain, dark grey or charcoal school trousers
- Plain white shirt with collar
- Clip on School tie (in House colour) (available from the school)
- Plain black sensible leather shoes (no logo), maximum 3cm inner edge of heel, no boots, no canvas shoes, no trainer style shoes
- Navy or black socks

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Other uniform requirements regarding shoes and jewellery remain unchanged.

## **Jewellery**

Jewellery of any description is not encouraged and is not practical for many reasons. A flat, plain ring and one pair of small, plain stud or sleeper size earrings and a watch are the only items allowed. All Jewellery must be removed for PE activities and is brought into school entirely at the student's own risk. Nose studs and all other types of piercing are not permitted.

Students will be required to remove any items of jewellery which contravenes this code; they will be confiscated until parents collect them from school.

## Make Up

Make up of any description is discouraged. Students will be required to remove any excessive make up. Nail varnish is not allowed. False nails are not allowed.

#### Hair

It is expected that hair colour will be restricted to that found in natural hair. Long hair must be tied back for certain workshop/drama/laboratory/PE activities. Extremes of fashion in hairstyles are not suitable for school and students must not have motifs etcetera shaven into their hair.

#### **Shoes**

BLACK TRAINERS or TRAINER STYLE SHOES are not allowed under any circumstances.

## **Uniform Donations and Pre-loved Items for Sale**

We are always looking for donations for school uniform. Student Services sell pre-loved uniform at a reduced cost. This service is hugely popular and valued by many families. All items of clothing are accepted if they are in good order. We would be very grateful for your donations which will be processed and washed in accordance with COVID protocols. Uniform donations should be handed in to Student Services, preferably by students. All proceeds from the sales are used to fund additional resources for our highly regarded Bridge facility within school.

We very much appreciate your co-operation in ensuring all students arrive suitably dressed and in a way that helps them to concentrate on their learning. If you are experiencing any difficulties in obtaining an article of uniform, or there is a financial issue, please contact Student Services on the following email address <a href="mailto:student.services@warlinghamschool.co.uk">student.services@warlinghamschool.co.uk</a>. A uniform card can be issued and collected in the morning. Parental support on these issues makes an enormous difference and we gratefully appreciate your support.

Yours sincerely,

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