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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are looking forward to the summer holidays. We know that as teenagers grow so rapidly, you may be considering buying school uniform during the break.

As we prepare for the new academic year, we want to remind everyone of the importance of following our school uniform policy. Research shows that school uniforms contribute to a sense of belonging and community among students, which can enhance their overall academic performance. Studies also indicate that uniforms help reduce peer pressure and bullying related to clothing choices, fostering a more inclusive and focused learning environment.

Our uniform remains unchanged from this academic year, but please note any updates you may have missed:

Main Uniform

Items which remain unchanged:

- **Trousers:** Plain black, full length, with no ankle showing. Made of plain material, classic tailored style with no extreme flares or skin-tight styles. No leggings, footless tights, drain pipes, cords, jeans, cropped trousers, or shorts are allowed.
- **Skirt:** Knee length John of Gaunt School skirt in dark grey plaid with twin pleats on the front and back.
- **Sweatshirt:** Plain black with school logo and should not be tucked into trousers, shorts or skirts.
- **Socks and Tights:** Must be grey, black, or white and plain. Tights must be black. Socks and tights must not be worn together.

Items which have changes to the policy:

- **Polo Shirt:** Plain white polo shirt to be tucked into trousers or skirt if worn with sweatshirt/jumper. Polo shirts with Falcon logo are now optional and may still be purchased from Scholars.
- **Shoes:** Plain black shoes or plain black trainers which are able to be polished only. They must not be fabric. No trainers with any colour other than black, even small logos or visible soles must be plain black. No footwear including 'Doc Martin' style boots, ankle boots, clogs, daps, 'Ugg' boots, boots, open-toed sandals, and decorated shoes are allowed.
- **Coats:** Any coat that fully zips or buttons up, but hoods of coats must be taken down when in school. Hoodies, track suit tops, and denim jackets are not allowed and will be confiscated until the end of the school day if worn.
- **Shorts:** Terms 1, 5, and 6 only. Plain black, knee-length tailored shorts, not cycling shorts or sports shorts.



PE Kit

- Panelled John of Gaunt grey polo shirt
- Panelled grey PE short or skort, or plain black sports shorts – loose style not cycling shorts
- Panelled hooded sweatshirt (optional)
- Panelled reversible top (optional)
- Panelled track trouser or leggings, or plain black track trouser or leggings
- Euro sports socks (optional)

Jewellery is limited to one pair of stud earrings, one per ear, and a signet ring. Clear nose holder studs may also be worn. No other facial piercings are allowed. We ask that students refrain from wearing other jewellery to school, as it can be a distraction and pose safety risks during physical activities, even when playing or moving around school.

Nails should be short and of a suitable length for school; long nails, both acrylic and natural, are a health and safety risk.

Hair Hairstyles should be appropriate, i.e., smart, tidy, not at the extreme of fashion, and the colour should look natural throughout. This includes any styles where hairpieces are added to the natural hair.

Where students are found not to be wearing the correct uniform, this will be logged on Class Charts and you will receive an automated email. The student will be sent to the PBSC, where they will generally be expected to stay for three periods if they are unable to rectify the uniform issue immediately. If students are able to correct their uniform, they can return to lessons straight away.

We hope that this information will be helpful when planning your school uniform shopping. If you have any concerns or difficulties when buying school uniform and would like support, please do not hesitate to contact your year leader or pastoral lead in total confidence to discuss how we may be able to help.

Best wishes,

Helen Kerr
Deputy Head Teacher