



St Katherine's School



4 April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

### **School uniform and equipment**

With Term 4 drawing to a close, we have reflected on the progress made through the year and identified some areas requiring improvement. We continue to work with pupils and parents/carers to raise standards around school uniform, appearance and equipment.

I would like to clarify our uniform expectations and highlight some areas which must improve from the start of Term 4. **Please use the holiday period to ensure that your son/daughter returns to school on Tuesday 23 April in correct uniform and fully equipped for school.** This will enable everyone to make a great start to the new term.

I am highlighting areas which have been raised this year and where we require improvement.

#### **Skirts, trousers and shoes**

- Trousers must be charcoal grey and cover the whole leg including the ankle
- Skirts must be charcoal grey knee-length, straight A-line or pleated and of a suitable length for school Black skirts are not acceptable. Extremely short skirts or those made of stretchy material are not appropriate for school. Leggings are not permitted.
- **Plain**, black, sturdy leather school shoes should be worn without any branding, logos or embellishments. **If you are replacing your child's school shoes this Easter holiday please ensure that they comply with our [Acceptable Footwear](#) guide.** If you are in any doubt please contact your child's Head of House.
- Trainers, trainer style, open-toed shoes, platforms, sling backs, ankle boots, fabric shoes, boots, canvas or suede shoes are not permitted.

#### **Hairstyle, piercings and make up**

- Heads must not be shaved, nor should there be any style which the school believes would undermine the ethos or discipline of the school i.e. markings cut into the hair, dyed hair or any extreme fashion which would create any undue interest in the student. **The colouring, high or low lighting of hair in natural colours is acceptable – other colours are not permitted.**
- No piercings other than ears are allowed (including plastic retainers). Students are permitted to wear one pair of small ear studs (approximately 5mm in diameter)

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- Make up should be kept to a minimum and barely visible. **The use of false nails, coloured nail varnish or false eyelashes is not permitted.** Pupils will be requested to remove such items. Visible body tattooing is not permitted.

### **Bags and equipment**

- Every pupil is required to have a school bag in excess of the size of an A4 pad of paper and large enough to carry their equipment of planners, books, kit and pencil case. **Hand bags are not permitted.**

Pupils are required to bring to school a basic level of equipment every day in order to be ready to learn. We expect all pupils to have the following each day:

- Pencil case
- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Planner
- Reading book
- Calculator

Please contact your child's Head of House or myself if you would like any further clarification.

If your financial circumstances are very difficult you may be able to receive help towards the cost of your child's school uniform or equipment. Please contact your child's Head of House in confidence.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you and your family an enjoyable holiday.

Yours sincerely



**Hayden Southon**  
**Deputy Headteacher**