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Dear Parents/Carers

### **St Katherine's School Uniform Expectations**

We have greatly enjoyed welcoming your son/daughter back to school this week. With the start of a new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our expectations regarding the school's uniform policy. We will continue to expect all our young people to routinely meet our expectations and as such wish to clarify a number of points surrounding our uniform policy to help this year run smoothly:

#### **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 polishable shoes should be worn without any overt branding, logos or embellishments.
- **As stated in our letter of 17 July, Nike Air Force Ones are not appropriate footwear for school.**

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

- The colouring, high or low lighting of hair in natural colours is acceptable – **other colours are not permitted.**
- The entirety of the head should 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 pupil.
- No piercings other than ears are allowed (including plastic retainers). Pupils are permitted to wear one pair of small ear studs (approximately 5mm in diameter)
- 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.

These rules, alongside the rest of our uniform policy, can be found on the school's website - <http://www.stkaths.org.uk/parents/carers/uniform>.

Please contact your child's Head of House or myself if you would like any further clarification. In cases of financial hardship, the school may be able to offer assistance towards the cost of uniform or equipment. Please write to your child's Head of House in confidence detailing your circumstances and the amount you are able to contribute.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

**Matthew Maw**  
Deputy Headteacher