



19th June 2026

## **Important Uniform Update**

Dear Parents & Families,

First, a big thank you to everyone, and well done to all of the students who participated in our open events this week. As we have come to expect, our students have acted as fantastic ambassadors for the school and we are very proud of them indeed.

Having seen today's weather and reviewed the forecast for the coming weeks it appears that temperatures are likely to increase next week. To support students remain comfortable during the warm spell the following temporary arrangements will be in place.

### **Temporary Uniform Adjustments**

Blazers are optional.

Ties must be worn.

Students are encouraged to remove their V-neck sweaters (these remain optional).

Shirts must stay tucked in at all times.

Knee-length tailored shorts or pleated skirts are allowed. Please ensure skirts are worn at this appropriate length.

Formal black shoes and plain dark socks are still required.

If a student arrives dressed incorrectly, we will direct them to the uniform hub to find a suitable solution. Please be aware that we may contact you for your support in resolving these issues.

We will review these temporary changes over the course of next week and send out further information as needed. Please be advised that the school will return to our normal uniform arrangements once the weather returns to more typical conditions for this time of year.

### **Staying Comfortable & Hydrated**

Over the past few weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of students requesting paper cups for a drink from reception. These are intended for first aid purposes and should not be used by students for general consumption. Please support your child and the school by doing the following-

- Send your child with a full water bottle every day to help them stay hydrated.

- If your child has lost/misplaced a bottle, ask them to visit the uniform hub to locate it from lost property. Alternatively purchase a new one and make sure that it is clearly labelled and identifiable.
- Consider providing your child with a sensible hat to protect them from the sun during breaks and PE lessons.
- Please ensure your child applies sunscreen if they'll be outside for extended periods, like during PE lessons.
- Short-sleeve shirts can be a cooler choice.

At the start of the week, tutors will speak to students regarding expectations for dress, staying cool, and managing drinks bottles. To minimise disruption to learning, students are expected to refill their water bottles during break and lunch times only, rather than during lessons. Additional water jugs will be provided in the canteen and common areas to support students with this.

### **QR Codes and Food Purchases from the Canteen**

Thank you to everyone who has successfully located their QR codes for making canteen purchases. Our admin team will be supporting a small number of students today to replace any lost or damaged QR codes.

Please be aware of an important reminder that from Monday 22nd June 2026, **phones will no longer be permitted for purchasing food**. Our standard policy remains firm: 'phones should not be seen or heard' at any time during the school day.

Students caught using their phones will have them confiscated until the end of the day. For persistent offenders, parents or carers will be required to come to the school to collect the device. We hope that these measures will not be necessary and that students will continue to make responsible choices by ensuring their phones are not used whilst on site.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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