



23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will, I'm sure be aware that we are becoming increasingly concerned about the length some girls are choosing to wear their skirts by rolling them up. It has become a real concern to me as head teacher and on some occasions puts staff into sensitive and challenging situations. We have tried to deal with this as sensitively and as consistently as possible, but it is becoming increasingly challenging as well as discouraging.

Uniform is important, it instils a sense of community, supports learning in understanding how to live by the rules and despite the overwhelming view held by some students that uniform doesn't affect learning, it does! Deliberately ignoring the rules causes unnecessary conflict, it is a waste of learning time and as a school we have had enough.

As a result, we have taken the decision that from September 2025 we are introducing branded skirts There will be embroidered lettering on the waistband (TMSA), which is really smart, it will make it easier for staff and prevents student's from rolling up their skirts. We have resorted to this to support staff as well as supporting modesty. We would hope of course that skirts which are a set size are not altered. Students are also welcome to wear school trousers according to the policy, this is no problem at all, and many students do. The student parliament have been involved with this decision and understand the thinking. The majority of students thought the new skirts worked, and I quote "classy".

These skirts will be available through our supplier only at a cost of:

- £17 for a junior size (waist 22" – 28")
- £20 for a senior size (waist 28" and upwards), the reason for the increased price is that these prices have VAT applied as per HMRC rules.

Please remain reassured that if there is a heatwave about to come our way PE uniform can be worn (as always and this message will be communicated in the usual way). Currently blazers are still expected to be worn. From September black tights with the branded skirts will be an expectation, there will be consideration made for any families



in receipt of free school meals or in financial hardship, please contact Mrs. Hicks Family Engagement Worker. Year 11 students for this year only will be given a £5 discount. Having benchmarked our uniform costs against other schools within the local area we still come in as one of the cheapest.

Your support as parents/ carers is very much anticipated, we need to recalibrate and restore dignity and smartness to the school.

Best wishes,



Ms. A. Thomson
Head teacher

