



September 11th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

After our first week back with students, I am writing with an important **uniform update**.

As you know, we started this term concerned students might be cold in lessons and allowing them to wear a hoodie under a blazer or over a school jumper. Now that we have run the timetable for a week, we know that this is not in fact required so from Monday September 14th, **hoodies will not be allowed as an extra layer in lessons**.

So that we maintain high standards of uniform, I would appreciate your full support with the following:

Years 7 & 8

- Normal Uniform Day: Students are expected to have a **school jumper** and will be allowed to wear their coat if cold in lessons. We ask that coats are plain; denim and leather jackets are not allowed.
- PE Kit Day: Students are asked to wear their **school jumper** over their PE Kit as their warm layer. They are also asked to wear a pair of joggers, preferably blue or black; or leggings under PE shorts.

Years 9, 10 & 11

- Normal Uniform Day: Years 9,10 & 11 will be allowed to wear a **school jumper** under their blazer and, if necessary, a coat over their blazer. At present, that is likely only to be needed in West Block where classrooms are colder.
- PE Kit Day: Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 are asked to wear their **school jumper** over their PE Kit as their warm layer. They are also asked to wear a pair of joggers, preferably blue or black; or leggings under PE shorts.
- We understand some students in these year groups may no longer have a school jumper that fits. I would be grateful if you could organise purchase of a **jumper by half term**. Students may continue to wear a hoodie **on PE Kit Days only** until then. We are able to offer school jumpers from our pre-loved uniform store for any family facing financial difficulties. I know this can be difficult for students to request, please contact Main Reception if you would like support with this element of the uniform so we can discretely organise providing jumpers for those who need them.

All Year Groups

- Please note, trainers are only permitted on PE Kit Days, students must wear black shoes on Normal Uniform Days.

Thank you in advance for your help with maintaining the high standards of uniform we enjoy in school. This is an important part of our Belonging Together and something we take pride in as a school community.

Best wishes,

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