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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your feedback on our school uniform over the last 2 years. As you know, we are focussed not only on upholding high expectations of dress for school, but preparing our students for the world of work and ensuring we keep uniform costs as low as possible, particularly on 'badged' items. We actively listen to feedback from parents/carers and, if appropriate, develop our uniform to ensure it is as reasonably priced, hardwearing and easy to keep as possible, whilst ensuring our students look smart as they represent the school. We have reviewed our uniform, alongside that of other schools in the Taunton area to ensure that it is in line with or cheaper than other schools locally.

Following your feedback, we have discussed this as a Senior Leadership Team and can confirm the following tweaks to the uniform rules from September to ensure clarity and high expectations. We have included links to where uniform items can be purchased if they are not South West Uniform stock. We have spoken to many parents and students and they have requested greater consistency in the checks on uniform so that infringements are picked up, and expectations clarified so that you can be clear at home in line with the requirements. There are no major changes, simply small amendments to the current policy. You can find full details on our website here:

www.courtfields.net//uniform-equipment.htm

From September 2023 the uniform is as follows:

- White shirts and blazers to remain the same as this year.
- Black tailored trousers can be worn by any student, they must be black, tailored and ankle length. We do not accept jeans/jeans-style/chinos/jeggings/leggings/super skinny or above ankle length trousers.
- Ties - We have one standard school tie, which is purchased directly from the school via Scopay.
- House Blazer Badges - All students are required to wear their House blazer badge on their lapel and these are purchased from school via Scopay. All current students were given a House badge at the start of this year, if they have lost/misplaced this badge they are required to purchase a new one. Year 7s from September 2023 will need to purchase a House badge via Scopay.
- Black plain tailored knee-length shorts can be worn between May Half Term and October Half Term by any students.
- PE require black sports socks (unless football socks are required).

In response to a significant amount of parent feedback, and having spent an extraordinary amount of time 'policing' skirts over the last 2 years, we have introduced a standard school skirt. The biggest concern from parents centred around the jersey/stretchy skirts, which have not been allowed on the policy for 2 years, are significantly shorter than knee length, tend to 'ride up' especially over tights, and are not appropriate for school.



To combat any confusion, we have introduced a single black pleated, knee length, non-logo skirt. This can be purchased from South West Schoolwear or Marks & Spencer using the links provided overleaf. This has an adjustable waist to ensure an appropriate fit and is high quality. We have also taken on board parent feedback regarding the cost of the skirt from South West Schoolwear, so we are offering the M&S pleated skirt as an alternative, at just over half the cost of the South West Schoolwear one.

- The new Year 7 cohort, should they choose to wear a skirt, will wear the new school standard skirt from September 2023.
- Mrs Westwood and the team will complete a skirt audit of the current Year 7-10 students wearing skirts. If a student's skirt fits the current regulation (either black pleated skirts or tailored skirt and knee length), they will be allowed to wear that skirt until it needs replacing (up to the end of the 2023/24 academic year).
- All students who choose to wear a skirt will be expected to wear the school standard skirt from September 2024.
- Once the audit has been completed, we will write to parents to inform if their child's skirt meets the current regulation or not. In the event it does not, these students will be expected, if they choose to continue with a skirt, to purchase the new skirt only. We will write to parents by Friday 21st July to confirm.
- All students have the option to wear trousers instead of a skirt.

Websites for reference with details of accepted school uniform. Of course, other outlets stock similar items, but please ensure you check with the school if you are in any doubt. The websites are for guidance and pages may be subject to change.

- **South West Uniforms Skirt** - <https://www.swschoolwear.co.uk/shop/castle-trust-skirts/>
Prices range from £18.95-£23.95
- **Marks & Spencer Skirt**– <https://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com/girls-black-school-skirt-with-permanent-pleats/5637147296.p?color=Black> Traditional pleated skirt. Prices range from £12.00-14.00
- **South West Uniforms Trousers** - <https://www.swschoolwear.co.uk/shop/senior-flat-front-trousers-2/>
- **New Look School Trousers** - https://www.newlook.com/uk/girls/girls-clothing/girls-trousers/girls-black-straight-leg-adjustable-waist-school-trousers/p/863968101extcam=UK_PPC_PLA_Fallback_Google_DV_c_AGID_105416128768_PRID_8639707&cclid=Google_EAlaIQobChMItpP27ajN_wIVB-3tCh1pxQYyEAQYBCABEgJ58vD_BwE&gclid=EAlaIQobChMItpP27ajN_wIVB-3tCh1pxQYyEAQYBCABEgJ58vD_BwE
- **Next School Trousers**
- <https://www.next.co.uk/style/st719917/832814#832814> or <https://www.next.co.uk/style/st179631/743697#743697>
- **Marks and Spencer Trousers** - https://www.marksandspencer.com/girls-slim-leg-regular-fittrousers/p/clp60452585#intid=pid_pg1pip21g4r3c4 or https://www.marksandspencer.com/senior-boys-slim-leg-slim-fit-trousers/p/clp60450536#intid=pid_pg1pip27g4r2c4

In the event of financial difficulties for purchasing uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be able to direct you to potential funding support.

We thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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