

Our Ref: SST/HBR

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The DFE strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it instils pride; supports positive behaviour and discipline; encourages identity with, and support for, school's ethos; ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils. Above all, TDS and the Trustees, believe that our school uniform supports effective teaching and learning and we fully advocate DFE guidance.

As of Term 6 we have opted for a common sense approach in relation to the summer school uniform. The wearing of student tank tops will be optional. However, students must bring their blazer to school. Can we also remind parents that if your son or daughter is inappropriately dressed, we will send them home to get changed.

We feel it is important that all parents, guardians and students are reminded of the standards in uniform that we expect as a school community. The information attached to this email and the school uniform policy, which is on the school website, both clarify our stance with regards to uniform.

If you have any queries regarding uniform, this should be directed to your child's form tutor in the first instance. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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