

23 February 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

From Monday 13 March, students in Years 7-10 will be able to purchase an optional black school jumper. The new jumper can be worn under the **compulsory** school blazer. Student Voice feedback has highlighted that during cold spells of weather, students would like to wear an additional layer. The new jumper will negate the need for **additional garments** (jumpers and hoodies) to be worn to school and/or in the classroom.

The school will also be introducing an optional Year 11 'Class of 2023' hoodie, which will replace the school blazer in **Year 11 only for those who wish to wear one**. Information will be sent to Year 11 students shortly regarding how to order. This will be the only **additional garment** that can worn to school instead of the SDCC blazer and is in response to parents' and students' requests for support with uniform as we approach the end of their 'uniformed' time with us.

It is essential that students continue to arrive fully prepared in order to be able to engage in their lessons immediately. Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of an educational institution and setting the appropriate tone. We have clear school uniform and behaviour for learning policies that help set the standards for successful learning in the classroom for all students. School uniform also creates a level playing field of expectations and promotes equality.

We continually review our policies and shortly we hope to be making further tweaks to uniform to support students and families in ensuring our uniform is affordable, comfortable and smart. Please note that any compulsory changes will always be introduced over a lengthy period of time and that blazers **will not** be phased out.

Key points to remember:

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| Hoodies | No hoodies should be worn during any part of the school day, other than the SDCC 'Class of 2023' hoodies for Year 11 students only. We hope the weather will warm up shortly and so blazers should be enough. Blazers are compulsory. Hoodies will be confiscated for the day if worn. |
| Skirts | These must be the standard school skirt available from SWI. |
| Socks | If these are worn with tights, they must be logo and pattern free (white, grey or black). |
| Shirts | These must be worn tucked in. |
| Piercings | If additional piercings (other than those permitted) are worn to school, your child will be asked to remove them and they will be confiscated for the remainder of the day. |

Please could we ask parents and carers to contact the relevant Head of Year if your son/daughter has a uniform issue. Tutors will no longer be issuing uniform notes during registration and students will placed in the bridging room until the issue has been resolved (unless prior contact has been made with the relevant Head of Year explaining the issue). The Head of Year will look to try to resolve the uniform issue as quickly as possible, thus allowing the student back to lesson.

If you require support with any aspect of uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us (the earlier the better) in order that we can offer assistance.

Please see below a reminder of the required minimum equipment:

- School bag (large enough to hold an A4 folder).
- Pen (black or blue).
- Green pen (for responding to feedback).
- Pencil.
- Ruler.
- Rubber.
- Calculator (for Mathematics and Science).
- Clear pencil case.

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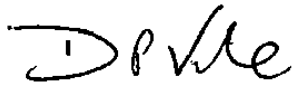
To purchase uniform, including the new jumper, please use the link below.

[SWI Schoolwear](#)

You will find answers to all queries regarding sizing on the SWI website and any issues regarding placing an order, ranging from technical help with the website to tracking orders, should go direct to SWI.

We are able, in conjunction with SWI, to offer a free delivery service to SDCC for items you order. As items arrive, they will be available for students to collect from Main Reception after school each day.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in ensuring our standards remain high, to give our students the very best opportunities to be successful.



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