



Dear parents / carers,



As we approach the half-term break I want to make you aware of a small change in our uniform policy that will come into effect after the half term break. Following numerous discussions with parents, learners, and other members of the school community, governors have voted to change our policy around wearing skirts in school. Skirts will, from February 24th, need to be worn to school with black, opaque tights and never with socks. As with blazers, reasonable adjustments to expectations around tights can be expected in very warm weather.



Many schools are finding the skirt lengths worn difficult to manage and the conversations around appropriate workwear challenging with young people. Several local schools have already opted to remove skirts as an option from their uniform policies from September 2025. The change to wearing of tights with skirts is the first step in reforming our policy. Over the coming weeks I will consult more widely around uniform policy with learners, parents and staff. A final decision on uniform policy for September will be reached by Easter 2025.



Should you wish to help the school review our uniform policy, this will be the main discussion item at parent forum on Monday 3rd March at 5pm.



The full policy is on the school website. The excerpt that has changed is copied below for your reference.



Excerpt from uniform policy

Skirts should be a modest length. They should be loose fitting and have a boxed pleat. NB Skirts in all waist sizes and in all lengths are available through our suppliers – please refer to your child's Student Support Leader if you are experiencing difficulty in sourcing the correct length of school skirt.



If a student chooses to wear a skirt, plain black opaque tights must be worn, socks are not permitted.



Kind Regards

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