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Dear parents/carers

Re: Secondary Uniform Consultation

I am writing to you to give some feedback on the recent consultation on our secondary uniform. We received just over 40 responses to the consultation. We have also taken the time to speak with students to understand their feelings on this matter.

The current Uniform is described below:

Main uniform	PE kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey s-cut school suit jacket with school logo.• Grey s-cut suit trousers (boys and girls) with grey socks.• Grey s-cut knee-length skirt (girls) with grey socks or tights.• White shirt with school tie.• Green V neck jumper with logo (optional).• Flat black sensible shoes, no trainers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black shorts (boys and girls) or skort (girls).• White thermal base layer (optional).• Black/white Rugby/Games shirt.• White polo shirt with school logo.• Black/white fleece with school logo.• Black/white sports socks.• Black tracksuit bottom.• Trainers and appropriate sports footwear.• Other Items – Black rucksack and/or portfolio bag with school logo.

As with all consultations of this nature, we received a wide variety of responses. However, I have tried to distil the responses to several themes, these are noted below:

General responses:

- A small number of responses wanted the uniform to remain the same.
- A very small number of responses wanted to totally abandon all uniform.
- A small number of responses were ambivalent about change
- Several responses made general points such as “make it more comfortable” or “make it as affordable as possible”.

Specific responses:

- Could we use a plain white polo shirt for PE as these are easier to source and are less expensive?
- Several responses suggested that girls should be allowed to wear a blouse rather than a shirt and tie.
- Several responses asked us to consider changing the skirts that are part of the current uniform.
- Several responses asked us to review the need to buy a whole suit from Stevensons.

Suggested changes for September 2018:

Girls Uniform:

- Parkfield grey blazer with logo
- Black skirt (design to be agreed)
- Black school trousers (not skin tight, no jeans, jeggings or leggings)

- White blouse (design to be agreed) or a white shirt and Parkfield tie
- Black shoes (no trainers)
- Optional plain black v neck jumper
- Black tights (plain) or black socks, short or knee length
- A sensible school coat (hoodies will not be allowed)
- A sensible school bag, preferably a rucksack

Boys uniform:

- Parkfield blazer with logo
- Black school trousers (no jeans)
- White shirt
- Parkfield tie (we will review this during 18-19)
- Optional plain black v neck jumper
- Black shoes (no trainers)
- Black socks
- A sensible school coat (hoodies will not be allowed)
- A sensible school bag, preferably a rucksack

PE Uniform

- Black shorts (boys and girls, without design or logos) or skort (girls).
- White thermal base layer (optional).
- White polo shirt (no design or logo).
- Optional black school hoodie for cold weather (available through the school)
- Black football sports socks.
- Black tracksuit bottom or plain black lycra sports leggings.
- Trainers and appropriate sports footwear.

Other Items:

- Black rucksack and/or portfolio bag with school logo.

I very much hope that this will address some of the issues that have emerged during this consultation. We have retained the blazer as both students and parents expressed a desire to keep this. However, we have looked to move away from the idea of a suit by allowing students to wear black skirts and trousers (and an optional black v neck jumper). All these items are readily available from supermarkets or other suppliers. I hope that this will help keep the cost down. We have decided to allow girls to wear a blouse as this seems sensible. We will review boys wearing ties during the next academic year. We will make recommendations on the types of skirts, trousers and blouses that will be suitable in due course.

We are also making a couple of changes to the PE kit. We will ask all students to wear a plain white polo shirt for all their PE lessons, again we hope this will keep the cost down. Students will be allowed to purchase an optional PE hoodie for colder weather, this will be available from the PE department.

I am very grateful for those of you that took the time to share your views and I hope that you can see the thinking behind these tweaks in our uniform. Whilst it is unlikely that these changes will please everyone, they are I believe, a positive compromise.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Kind regards

