

Headteacher: Dr. J Bartlett – NPQH, PGCE, D.Phil, M.Chem **Specialisms:** Mathematics

3rd May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Proposal to change the school uniform – Years 7-11

I am writing to inform you of a proposed change to the school uniform which is:

- A plain black knee length pleated skirt as the only skirt option

Currently students can wear plain black trousers or any style (with the exception of lycra) plain black skirt. The proposed knee length black pleated skirt would replace the various styles of black skirt currently worn. All students would still have the option to wear black trousers as an alternative, however, may I take this opportunity to remind you that these are tailored black trousers and not tight-fitting black 'jegging' style.

If approved, this proposed change will come into force from the first school day of the academic year starting **September 2022**.

We believe that the new proposed skirt will further enhance the overall smart appearance and business-style dress for our students reflecting the professional image we aspire to. We have met with students to seek their views and have had overwhelmingly positive feedback.

Please see the picture below an image of the proposed new skirt which will be available to purchase from many retailers. **We must stress that this skirt must be knee length and not sit above the knee.** Any student who is wearing a 'shorter' version of this style will be deemed as not wearing the appropriate school uniform.





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The skirts can be purchased from many retailers, including school uniform suppliers and supermarkets as an example:

Asda – 2 pack of pleated skirts for £9

Matalan – 2 pack of pleated skirts from £8 to £14

Amazon – 2 pack of pleated skirts £11.95

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of purchasing arrangements. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by sending your responses to shenley.enquiry@e-act.org.uk by no later than Friday 20th May 2022.

We will release the results of the consultation by Friday 17th June 2022 and this will be by a letter published on the school website. We will of course offer support if needed with this proposed change to ensure minimum inconvenience to parents.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Jayne Bartlett

