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Dear Parent/Carer

## Uniform

Whilst I appreciate that many families ensure their children are fully compliant and support wearing the school uniform, there are cases where students are not adhering to the uniform policy as outlined on pages 4 -5 of the School Planner.

It is essential that all students are aware of the Academy's expectations and that parents support these fully. We have in place a zero tolerance approach to non-compliance to the school uniform and will action this across the school, with compliance checks beginning on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March; this will allow families time to correct any infringements. Uniform checks will occur on a daily basis. Any student identified as persistently non-compliant will be sent home immediately to rectify the infringement.

St Paul's does not have a uniform coat as such, because we are aware these are extremely expensive items and parents and carers may want to shop around. However, the school coat should be navy blue or black and should be worn over the blazer, rather than instead of it. Blazers are to be worn in school, including at lesson changeovers. Students are not allowed to have hoodies in school and they must not be worn on the journey to or from school. The reason for this is quite simple; young people use hoodies to disguise their identities, particularly when they are involved in anti-social behaviour. This is definitely not the image we wish our students to portray.

Additionally, girls' skirts should be of an appropriate length and not rolled up at the waistband. Students are not permitted to wear any form of jewellery or make up, including nail varnish, acrylic nails, false eyelashes and hair extensions. Hair styles and hair colours, including braids, should be the student's natural hair colouring. Extreme hair styles and colouring are not allowed. *The definition of extreme lies with the school.* Hair adornments are to be plain blue or black. Tram lines shaved into hair or eyebrows are not permitted.

All students, irrespective of which year they are in, are to wear shoes unless they are exempt due to a medical condition. Kickers shoes with black laces are allowed, but not trainers, canvas shoes or crepe soled suede shoes. We appreciate that especially for our Year 11 students, who are coming to the end of their St Paul's career, the need for new school shoes is a frustrating expense for families, but I am sure you understand and support the requirement for our eldest year group to set an example to their peers and maintain our high standards.

I am very aware that many families are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the current economic climate, especially as the Local Authority no longer provide uniform grants on our behalf. We are able to offer assistance to parents and carers with our 'nearly new' service: students who have grown out of various items return them to the Academy and they are washed, pressed and given to students as necessary.

To further support parents to optimally drive upwards the standard of uniform, some Raising Standards Leaders have pairs of shoes in a variety of sizes for the rare occasion that school shoes break, to ensure that all students adhere to this policy.



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Thank you in advance for your support in this matter. As you will appreciate, the wearing of professional school uniform prepares our students for their future careers, as in many lines of work, formal attire is required.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Raising Standards Leader.

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Yours sincerely



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