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Dear Parent/Carer

After a long and arduous year, we are finally nearing the summer holidays. I felt therefore, that it would be appropriate to get in touch with you in order to let you know the uniform expectations at Graham School for next year so that you are able to prepare your child accordingly.

There are few changes to the uniform, but hopefully the information below will provide clarity for everyone in terms of what the expectations are for next year.

So, the compulsory requirements for everyone are:

- School blazers must be worn;
- A sleeveless V neck jumper must be worn.
 - This should be maroon in years 7 and 8, and;
 - Navy in years 9, 10 and 11.
- A white shirt with a school tie;
 - Years 7 and 8 children must wear a navy tie;
 - Year 9, 10 and 11 students require a maroon tie.
- Black leather / leather look shoes that can be polished are the only shoes acceptable unless there is a medical reason, along with a doctor's note provided. Shoes must not be trainers, canvas style or boots. Any tags should also be removed prior to attending school.
- Grey trousers should be worn by boys and may be worn by girls if so desired, but they must be straight legged and without zips or external pockets.

There are a few additions to these requirements for girls. These are:

- Girls may prefer to wear a skirt. These are specific to Graham school and must be worn properly, i.e., not rolled up and of a length that is towards the knee. Where these are deemed to be too short, there will be an expectation that a new, longer skirt is obtained.
- If a girl does prefer to wear the skirt, they may also choose to wear an open necked blouse without a tie. However, if trousers are worn the collared shirt with tie is required.

All uniform can be obtained from 'Rumours' in Scarborough.

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Where feasible, if there is an issue with a child's uniform we will endeavour to provide uniform for that particular day. In every instance the uniform will be clean. Failure to wear the offered uniform will lead to the student spending time in seclusion, either for the remainder of that day or until the required article of clothing is brought in for them to wear as required.

There are also a few other points of note that I would like to make you aware of. Firstly, acrylic or painted nails of any sort cannot be allowed on school site. Acrylic nails in particular present a health and safety risk to others and so any child coming to school with acrylic nails that are deemed to be potentially dangerous, will have to spend their time at school in seclusion until the nails are removed.

Hair colour is expected to be natural. Those children that attend school with hair that is dyed with any unnatural colour will be expected to spend all of their time in seclusion until the colour is rectified.

Any make up worn should be discrete; if we can tell that a child is wearing it then it is too much. The child will be expected to remove it and will be given make-up wipes to do so.

For safety reasons, students may wear only one stud earring in each ear. Any additional jewellery that is seen may be confiscated. No other jewellery is allowed with the exception of a watch, however, these should not be a smart watch as they have proven to be disruptive to school life.

Failure to remove jewellery or make-up when asked is likely to lead to seclusion.

Finally, I would like to write to you about your child's attendance. There has been much research done about the effects of poor attendance on achievement. For example, research undertaken by the Department for Education showed that:

- Of pupils with **absence over 50%**, only 3% manage to achieve 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C including maths and English;
- Whereas 73% of pupils who have **over 95% attendance** achieve 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C.



The research above doesn't take into account the effect that Covid 19 is likely to have on progress and attainment figures and so, at Graham School, we believe that it is more important than ever for a child to attend school as frequently as they are able to.

As such, we would be grateful for your support in sending your child into school during the coming school year, so that we are able to support them in their personal growth and support them in undoing any damage caused to their development by the pandemic.

Yours sincerely

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