

5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear parent/ carer,

Further to my letter in January regarding our intention to make a uniform change in September 2024 by introducing a new style skirt, we have now received feedback following consultation with our Student Council, the College's Governing Body and yourselves.

Thank you for all the feedback that has been given. As one would expect with any proposed change to school uniform, we received both supportive and less positive comments about plans to introduce a checked kilt-style skirt in September. There were few concerns about the kilt itself, but more about the cost associated with such a change at a time when the cost of living is so high. We recognise these concerns but would like to reiterate that your child would also have the option to wear trousers or shorts.

Having considered all the feedback received, and discussed this with our governors at a committee meeting last week, the decision has been made to proceed with the uniform change from September 2024 as outlined below:

## Year 7 to 11 students – options to wear:

A checked kilt-style skirt which can be purchased from the College's designated uniform supplier.

Plain, black "classic" style trousers. These should be straight legged and not tight. There should be no large belts, zips on the sides or buckles and belts should be plain black. Trousers should not be of a denim fabric, chinos or leather.

Plain black "city" shorts or tailored black shorts. Not cargo style or sports shorts.

Thank you again for all the responses received from the consultation process. I hope this uniform change will address the ongoing challenges and issues we have experienced with students' non-compliance of the College's Uniform Policy and allow us to focus our efforts on our core business of teaching and learning.

Yours sincerely,

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