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Dear Parent/Carer

School Uniform Update

As the Spring Term comes to a close, many of you may have noticed how much your sons/daughters have grown since September! I urge parents during the holidays to please replace any small/short or non-regulation uniform items - particularly skirt / trousers. You are also reminded that all pupils, as well as purchasing the standard PE kit, should have a PE hoodie and badged tracksuit bottoms for outdoor lessons and school representation.

Since I last wrote to you all regarding uniform in the summer of 2017, I am pleased to report that the vast majority of students are now wearing the regulation badged skirt or trousers. I have worked closely with our uniform suppliers to ensure that stock is not an issue. Do not allow your teenager to persuade you to stray away from our uniform guidelines. Furthermore, please do not leave it too late in the holidays to replace or order your uniform.

Unfortunately, many valuable hours are taken up in school dealing with uniform misdemeanours. To avoid any unnecessary tensions at the start of the summer term when we undertake a uniform check, I would like to highlight the common pitfalls:

Hair

Boys' haircuts and shaving - our expectations are:-

- No part of the hair should be shorter than a **Number 2**. This includes 'fades.'
- Hair must be kept neat and of a suitable style – so, styles that are very short on the sides and very long and untidy on top are not acceptable. Neither are styles where lines or shapes are cut into the hair.
- Boys must ensure they are clean shaven.

Shoes

Please purchase sensible, plain, all black shoes. The following will not be accepted.



No trainers, pumps, plimsolls or trainer-type shoes. Shoes must be plain black with no coloured trim, logos, flashes or branding. Trainers will only be allowed for PE or sporting events. Boots are not allowed, only shoes below the ankle. Be careful as many sports shops market “School Shoes” which are actually trainers. Girls shoes must be flat with no platform or heel.

Outdoor Coats

During cold weather, students may wish to wear a coat over their blazer. This should be of a dark colour – black/navy. Hoodies are not permitted as a “top coat.” Only Year 11s have permission to wear their Leavers Hoodies after Easter.

Boys' Trousers

Black trousers are not permitted and neither are skin tight fashion trousers, jeans or chinos. In an effort to gain some consistency, I have asked Monkhouse to provide **a school grey trouser in a variety of fits bearing the school logo.** This is the only trouser permitted.

Girls' Skirt

This continues to be **a school grey, stich down, knife pleat skirt with school logo.** We will allow girls to wear the 'old' phased out kilt - style skirt so long as it continues to be knee length. No other skirts will be accepted.

PE Kit

This is available online from www.supersport.co.uk It is essential that all students purchase tracksuit bottoms and a hoodie, as well as the regular PE Kit. PE Hoodies are available from the School Office at a cost of £20. Non uniform tracksuits will not be permitted.



AVAILABLE TO ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.SUPERSPORT.CO.UK

To assist you with any uniform queries please note the following:-

- Uniform must only be purchased from Monkhouse.
- PE Kit must only be purchased from Supersport / School Office.
- Further details are available in our homework diary, on the suppliers' websites, the school website www.hulmehallschool.org, the school office 0161 485 3524 during 10am and 12.00pm in the holidays and I am happy to field any individual queries regarding uniform that you may have to j.smith@hbgsvle.org.

If in doubt about anything, please e mail me and as a precaution & keep any uniform receipts in case you are asked to change an item that does not meet our guidelines.

I hope that ALL pupils will come back to school in the summer term - 'Smart & Smiling.'

Thank you in anticipation of your support and wishing you a happy and restful Easter break.

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