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Dear parents

Thank you, as always, for all your support this term. It has been a short one but there have still been lots of events, as you will see from this half term's Smithdonian magazine. I am so proud of how many activities our students and staff get involved with, both to represent Smithdon and also just for fun!

I am writing to confirm that this term ends on Thursday 28 March 2024 (*unlike the primary schools, we do not have an INSET day on Thursday but students are in school as normal*) and we return after the Easter holidays on Monday 15 April 2024.

I also wanted to inform you that, following requests from parents and students last year, we have been able to work with our uniform providers to offer the option of unisex tailored shorts for boys and girls for the hotter weather. These are knee length, grey shorts including our Smithdon school logo - on the bottom of one leg, in the same design as on our school skirts. These will be available for purchase from Price and Buckland on our school page from this Thursday. Students are permitted to wear these tailored shorts from Easter to October half term each year. Students will be expected to wear black socks and normal school shoes, as per our uniform policy, whether they are wearing skirts, shorts or trousers.

In line with this, we have changed our staff uniform policy, which also enables staff to wear knee-length, tailored shorts during the same period of Easter to October half term.

As a final point on uniform, I know many of you like to purchase September uniform before the end of the Summer Term, so I would like to provide you with advanced notice of two changes to our uniform and equipment policy for September 2024 onwards. First, students will be required to have a school bag to carry their equipment around school. For many students this is nothing new, but for some this will be a new expectation to ensure they have all the relevant books and equipment with them for every lesson. Secondly, following further difficulties this year to ensure that students are not wearing trainers, we have made the decision that school shoes from September must be polishable material only (leather, patent leather or faux leather). We will make exceptions only for those students with medical needs, evidenced by their medical team, for the wearing of trainers outside of PE lessons.

I look forward to seeing you at our Spring Concert – Smithdon Salutes Broadway - at the Town Hall, Hunstanton at 6pm on Wednesday evening and at the remaining celebration assemblies this term.

Yours sincerely

A. Gibbins.

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