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Dear parents

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support for the school and the work of the children and the staff. Some final updates of important information for you:

Uniform

Please ensure you refer to the school uniform policy (attached with this letter) when replacing any outgrown clothing or footwear over the summer in preparation for September.

In particular, please note:

- **Footwear**
Trainers and logo'd shoes are not acceptable as school shoes - please be aware that unlike this year these will not be accepted in September.
- **Skirts**
A number of girls have appeared in school over the last two weeks with official school skirts that have been shortened by friends/family members. These are not permitted. If your child's skirt has been shortened, this will need to be replaced with a new skirt of the correct length ready for September as modified skirts will not be accepted.
- **Sports uniform**
 - Shorts/joggers are now navy, to match our Smithdon colours, so as you replace any of these please purchase navy not black going forward.
 - Sports t-shirts are also now one style only for lessons, with the Smithdon logo on the front
 - Going forward we no longer require students to have names printed on the back of the shirts/jumpers (to reduce the cost for parents)

All students must return to school in the appropriate uniform or expect to be challenged on this.

Uniform Supplier

Please be aware that the Trust has changed suppliers for our uniform and this summer will be the last time that uniform is ordered through the school. Going forward the uniform will be ordered directly from the suppliers. Please be advised that the sizing of the uniform will also therefore differ slightly from current and you will need to ensure you use the guides on their website to guarantee the right fit.

In addition to this, the new supplier is unable to replicate our current school skirt design and, from 1 September, any skirts ordered will be in a new pleated design. The current skirt will remain part of our uniform but will gradually phase out as students grow out of them and new students join the school.

Finally, with the new supplier from September, the navy sports jumpers now have the school logo embroidered on them and as such can be worn over the shirt and tie and under the blazer as an additional layer of warmth. They do not replace the blazer or shirt but are an optional extra. The current woollen jumpers can also continue to be worn as part of our uniform.



School dates

Our last day of term is Thursday 20 July 2023.

Return to school dates for September:

Wednesday 6 September - Year 7 only

Thursday 7 September - Year 7 and Year 11 only

Friday 8 September - all year groups return to school

I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable Summer Holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Best wishes

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