



12th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of this academic year and start to look towards a new start in September, there are some reminders and points of emphasis we would like to make at this time regarding uniform expectations.

Our pupils should always be arriving at school looking **smart**. Uniform should be clean and tidy (including shoes). A simple checklist would include:

- Always wearing the school's black blazer
- Clean white shirt
- School tie
- Black trousers or skirt*
- Tights or socks**
- **Cleaned/polished** shoes***
- School coat from September

* = This must be **knee length**, no shorter. This has been in the handbook since Sept 2022 and we expect all pupils to return to school in Sept 2023 following this rule.

**= black socks with trousers, black or white with skirts. Tights can be worn all year round.

*** = from September '23 - **boots will no longer comply with our uniform policy**.

The above are all available from www.westbourneuniform.co.uk.

Long hair (past shoulders) must be tied back, neatly off the face. Pupils should not wear makeup or jewellery (apart from a maximum of 1 stud in the lower lobe of each ear).

We are also excited to inform you that from September 2023 we are adding additional ties to our current Senior School uniform. These will be as follows:

- Head/Prefect Tie
- Scholarship/Exhibitioner Tie
- School Colours Tie
- Headmasters' Colours Tie

Pupils who are eligible, will be notified by Mr Hattam which tie they have been awarded. Pupils may then choose to wear either their traditional school tie or the tie which represents their award as part of their uniform. If parents and pupils choose that they wish to have the option of the new tie, the cost of the tie, £8, will be added to the next invoice.



We are also introducing an outdoor coat to our Senior School uniform. This will be a compulsory addition to our current uniform and pupils will be required to wear this when entering or leaving school at the start and end of the day in place of their current outdoor coat. The coat is black and has the school name and crest on the front and will be available to purchase from westbourneuniform.co.uk. We believe that all pupils entering and leaving the school premises wearing the same coat will give the impression which we want to portray about our school and will also enable members of the public to instantly recognise which school our pupils belong to.

Our uniform plays an important part in our school community and reflects our school values, therefore we expect all our pupils to adhere to this. We encourage parents to ensure pupils are arriving at school looking smart.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact myself, your child's form tutor or a member of the pastoral team.

Many thanks

Yours faithfully

Mr P Birbeck
Head of Senior School