

15th May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this message finds you well.

I'm writing to share an upcoming update to our school uniform that will take effect from the beginning of the new academic year in September 2025.

Over time, we've received helpful feedback from parents, staff, and visitors noting the variation in student appearance—particularly between the open neck blouses and the shirt-and-tie option. We've also found that the open neck blouses, while popular, tend to be shorter and less practical, often becoming untucked during the school day.

To promote a more consistent and smart appearance for all students, we will be introducing a small uniform update: from September 2025, all pupils in Years 7 to 10 will wear the standard blue shirt, buttoned up, along with a school tie. This change will replace the current open neck blouse and bring greater uniformity across year groups.

We understand that uniform changes can bring additional expense, and we want to support families with this transition. Therefore, the school will provide a **free school tie** to all current Year 7 to Year 9 girls who will be affected by this change. Ties will be distributed on the first day of the new term in September.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and a strong sense of pride in our school community. If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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