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Dear Parent/Carer

2018-19 Uniform Expectations

As a new term approaches and the colder weather is upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify and reinforce our uniform expectations for 2018-19.

The school's new uniform was introduced at the start of this academic year after consultation with students, parents and staff, and was approved by the school's Governing body. We have the highest expectations from our students with regards to school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour, support effective teaching and learning and contribute to the ethos of the school. As part of our transition to the new more formal uniform we clarified that no hoodies should be worn to school. This means hoodies or similar sports tops should not be worn as an outdoor coat or under blazers.

In cold or wet weather our expectation is that students wear a suitable outdoor coat over the top of their blazers. A coat that is water repellent would be ideal. A coat with a hood is of course permitted, but again, this should not be worn under a blazer.

I have included some pictures to help clarify what is acceptable and what should be avoided. **Please note** these are examples only and in no way form a definitive list.



As stated, these images are for guidance only and have been provided to reduce the risk of confusion for students and parents and reduce embarrassment for students if they have to be challenged about their adherence to the uniform policy. We will not accept a student stating that their hoodie is their outdoor coat.

Students should wear black, formal shoes (no trainers/pumps/UGG boots/Doc Martens etc). In extreme snowy conditions, an alternative pair of suitable boots may be worn.

PE Optional extras for colder weather

- Official black waterproof/fleece lined jacket
- A plain, dark base layer may be worn under polo shirt
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms
- No hoodies, jumpers or tracksuit tops

Like The Garibaldi School jumper, a Garibaldi School branded rain jacket is an optional extra that is available to purchase for the colder months of the year. Details of the coat can be found in the uniform section of the school website and is pictured above. Prices range from £15.95 to £18.95 depending on size. As stated, this rain jacket is an optional extra item of uniform, it is not compulsory but provides an ideal solution.

Whilst we recognise the challenges some parents and carers face when purchasing school clothes that their child is happy to wear, we do appreciate the support that has been shown for the new uniform and I thank you in advance for ensuring outdoor coats meet with our expectations. Students who fail to meet the requirements of our clear uniform policy will be referred to SWAT so that contact can be made with parents/carers and suitable sanctions will be put in place.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Garforth.

Yours sincerely

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