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Dear Parents/Carers

I met with the directors of Price and Buckland, our uniform suppliers, last week to discuss potential changes to the uniform. I plan to make changes for a number of reasons:

1. We are launching a new house system and would like a way of defining the student houses.
2. The quality of the boys' trousers has been variable over the last two years.
3. The inequality which specifies a girls and boys uniform.
4. The colour of the blazer which is impractical and difficult to keep clean.

In potentially making changes, I want to ensure that any financial burden on parents is minimised. The tentative plans moving forward are:

1. We shall introduce a new uniform for Year 7 for September 2019 intake. The uniform shall be black, and ties and trousers will be an option for girls. The quality of the trousers is greatly improved.
2. All other students will transfer to the new uniform by September 2021. This means that any current students in Year 9, 10 and 11 can continue to wear their existing uniform until they leave Year 11.
3. If Year 9, 10 or 11 students wish to purchase new uniform, they can buy the new black uniform or Price and Buckland will sell the old grey uniform at a reduced cost.
4. Current Year 7 and 8 students will phase into the new uniform when new items are required due to general wear and tear or growth. New uniform items can be mixed with the old uniform and therefore the changeover can be on an item by item basis.
5. For Year 7 - 11 boys, ties will be exchanged with new house ties in September, if girls wish to purchase a tie, they will purchase them directly from the school in their house colour.
6. Prices for the new uniform should be in line with the current uniform allowing for inflation.

This letter is to ensure that parents are aware of the potential changes at an early stage to help with their future uniform purchasing plans. As soon as we have proofs of the new uniform we shall send out more details and also include information on sizing events.

Yours faithfully



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