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Letter from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to report that our students have made a fantastic start to the summer term. In fact, the number of credits some of our students have achieved is now so high, we have needed to create two new prestigious awards:

- The Platinum Award for receiving 1100 credits in one academic year
- The Head Teacher's Award for receiving 1500 credits in one academic year

I thank our students for their ongoing commitment to be the best versions of themselves.

School Uniform

Sadly, we have seen a small number of students continue to wear skirts that are not in accordance with our uniform policy, such as tight-fitting lycra skirts or skirts that are higher than 5 cm above the knee. Please note that all new skirts should be pleated but that they no longer require a school logo. Please do contact your child's tutor if you are experiencing difficulties in providing appropriate school uniform for your child.

Summer PE Kit

Thankfully, the summer term means that our students can enjoy regular outdoor PE lessons. Consequently, now is a good time to remind families of our expectations around PE kit. I would particularly like to draw your attention to our expectations on shorts.

Unisex Sports Kit requirements (for all boys and girls):

- T-Shirt: Plain black round neck training top/t-shirt with the official school logo
- Shorts: Plain black football or rugby shorts but they do not have to include the official school logo, cycling shorts are not permitted
- Training Top: Green and black quarter zip training top with official school logo
- Tracksuit bottoms: Plain black, full lengths bottoms. These do not have to have the official school logo and a discrete brand logo is permitted
- **Sports Leggings:** Plain black, full length leggings. These do not have to have the official school logo and a discrete brand logo is permitted
- Footwear: Trainers (non-marking soles) / football boots
- Other: Shin pads / grey/black 'skin' top / Mouth Guard*
- Socks: Black football socks with official Toot Hill inscription / black ankle socks
- Jumper (optional): Plain black crew neck jumper with the official school logo. Hoodies are not acceptable for Health & Safety reasons

*Optional but recommended item

All students require a carrying bag for their Sports kit. A plastic bag is recommended for carrying dirty football boots.

All students with long hair require a hair bobble to tie their hair up for PE/Games lessons.



Except in the case of serious injury, all students are expected to come to PE/Games lessons prepared to take part in some physical activity. If students have minor ailments, they should bring a note from home explaining this but still bring their kit and take part appropriately.

Please note that the below items are **not permitted**:

Cycling shorts including Nike Pro Short:



Sport skirts:



I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr C Eardley Head Teacher