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Dear Parents and Carers

In November 2021, the government issued new guidance for schools in relation to the cost of uniform. The guidance instructed schools to look at their policy, consider how savings could be made for parents, and for uniform be more affordable whilst maintaining the important identity and ethos of the school. A number of meetings took place involving staff, parents and governors last term, resulting in the following amendments being made:



1. The school is developing a new, bespoke second-hand uniform 'shop' which will be situated on site and funded by the Newlands Parents' Association (NPA). This will house all second-hand items and will be more accessible to parents on a regular basis. Further details will follow in due course.
2. The school will continue to hold GANUS (Good as New Uniform) sales on a regular basis.
3. Pupils will no longer need to purchase a separate blue jumper when they move into KS4. A single stripe v neck jumper will be the required uniform in Years 7-11.
4. White blouses (reverse collar) can be purchased from any store.
5. PE kits no longer need to be embroidered with a pupil's name. In addition to this, black jogging bottoms and black gym/cycling shorts can be purchased from any retailer (as long as they are plain black without logos or writing. Guidance will be provided).
6. The Sixth Form smart black suit can be purchased from any retailer, as long as it is suitable for business wear.
7. It will be made clear to parents in the uniform information supplied on entry which items are compulsory, which are optional and where the items can be purchased from.
8. Goyals and School Days Direct will continue to stock and supply Newlands uniform. A school tendering process during 2022-2023 will be investigated to see whether a cheaper supplier is available.



If you have any concerns about school uniform, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school.

It is important to note that the blazer, kilt (and its length-on the knee or below) remain unchanged. Maintaining excellent standards of uniform is a key part of our school ethos and something we are very proud of.

Yours sincerely

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