## **Newlands Girls' School**

## **Courage Commitment Compassion**

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## **Dear Parents and Carers**

It has been delightful to welcome our new Year 12 students and returning Year 13s this week. I have had a number of reports from staff regarding the kindness shown by our existing students to those who are new to the school as well as how hard all the students have been working in their lessons.

In the summer term and in my welcome letter I highlighted the importance of upholding our excellent standards of uniform. This extends to the Sixth Form too and the smart appearance of our Sixth Form students reflects their position as role models and leaders in our school.

We have noticed that a large number of girls have returned to school this year not adhering to the uniform policy set out on the website and in the Sixth Form contract which every student signed and agreed to when taking up a place at NGS. Students are required to wear a tailored black skirt or trouser suit which can be purchased from any retailer.

We pride ourselves on working with and listening to our students, especially as they mature and have more freedom to express themselves in the Sixth Form. I am very happy for skirts to be worn at a shorter length and above the knee. However, what is essential is that skirts are suitable for school and are business like. While modern business wear can have a variety of interpretations, very short, lycra hugging or jersey skirts do not fit that category and are not appropriate to be worn as uniform.

Please can I ask you to work with us in ensuring that our excellent standards are upheld by replacing any lycra or jersey mini skirt with one which is suitable for school. This can be purchased from Goyals, School Days or indeed any retailer that sell black suit skirts. If you have any questions regarding the suitability of a skirt, please get in touch with the Sixth Form team.

If replacing your daughter's skirt poses financial difficulty, do not hesitate to get in touch and we can support you with this. Students have the option of wearing black suit trousers too.

Uniform expectations have been reinforced with the students and will be followed up in the coming weeks on an individual basis.

We really have had the most wonderful start to the year. I hope I will have your support in upholding our excellent standards of uniform moving forwards.

Best wishes

Miss J. Capon Headteacher









