







Year 11 Uniform Update

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Dear Year 11 Parents,

We share the frustration that some of you and your children have experienced with the delays to the new PE kit from our new supplier; this has been passed onto Stevenson's and we hope for a better experience going forward.

At this point in the year, we would rather be focussing on the excellent effort the vast majority of our year 11 cohort are putting into their lessons in preparation for their Mock exams coming up in the next two weeks. However, the uniform issue is not yet resolved.

We are writing to ask for your support and understanding on our uniform code and want to detail some compromises for the coming months to make it easier for parents given the short time that your child has left, in uniform, at Farmor's School.

You have previously said Canterbury's are fine as a tracksuit, why can't they still be worn?

The PE kit is our uniform on days where there are lessons/clubs/fixtures, it's not appropriate to have branded items as part of our uniform. Having said that, we were relaxed on that aspect in previous years, and parents have previously bought Canterbury's in good faith. We would prefer all students to be wearing the new tracksuit; however, our compromise for Year 11 students only is that they can wear Canterbury tracksuit bottoms, or a plain non branded equivalent in the colder months, if they don't have a pair of the new Farmor's tracksuit bottoms.

Cotton fabric joggers are still considered not suitable for either PE or as a uniform for school.

Will the school still 'buy back' shorts purchased this year?

Yes, we made that offer to Year 11 parents earlier in the year, we will buy back the new Stevenson's shorts in good condition when it gets to the exam period in May/June.

Why can't we relax the uniform rules for Year 11?

Some parents and students have asked this in recent weeks. If we were to do this, then that would be unfair on those who have updated their child's uniform to meet the new code. This includes purchasing shorts to replace a skirt for the year.

In addition to that, while attending school lessons and exams, our year 11 students are still visible role models to younger students who look up to them.

What are the uniform expectations for the exam period?

Every year, a small number of students push the boundaries regarding uniform during the exam period. We would like to be supporting them with their academic success rather than nagging them about uniform. Please support us with that by ensuring your child wears the correct uniform as they leave the house. We do have spare sets of uniform that students will be required to wear, if they arrive in school dressed incorrectly. No students should be wearing PE kit during the mock exam period.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Yours sincerely

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