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Dear Parent/Carer,

Uniform Expectations/College Skirts

A focus at the start of the academic year 2022/23 will be on students wearing uniform correctly, particularly skirts.

Given the disruption from the pandemic, this is not a something we have looked at for a while. However, we are now at a point where we simply need to communicate, reiterate and monitor the college expectation for wearing skirts correctly, as we would do with other aspects of uniform.

In September, we'll be monitoring this closely and intervening where the expectation is not met. Of course, there will be temporary exemptions that may be issued, but mainly students not following this uniform guidance will not have social time with other members of the college.

We are aware of many of the queries and questions which may be fielded by our community, especially as this may incite challenging conversations at home: How does this affect learning? Have you not more important issues to address? How are you ensuring consistency?

Ultimately, all answers will lead back to the simplicity of our uniform guidance: it is an expectation that all uniform is worn correctly, particularly college knee-length skirts.

We'd like to thank the overwhelming number of parents who ensure students are wearing uniform in-line with our guidance and to the significant number who have contacted us to thank and commend us on taking this consistent line. Whilst it is not a requirement to have parental permission to take such steps, it is always more straightforward when there is support from home.

Our students are fantastic, and we know how much they value us consistently applying our expectations.

https://bottishamvc.org/parents-2/uniform-equipment/

Have a wonderful summer.

Mr E Compton
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