

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/carers,

**Re: School uniform**

I am writing to inform you that we are making some alterations to our school uniform. Let me start by assuring you that these alterations are optional and will not impact on the cost of uniforms and will not require the purchase of anything new. The average cost of our compulsory items for a pupil needing a full uniform is £74.96, the average for the UK is £96, the average across the rest of our secondary schools is £93.50

Firstly, we are looking to work exclusively with Clive Mark as our main supplier. We are doing this as we feel confident in their pricing, in their own re-sale offer as well as their ability to work with us and our community. Their local shop can be found on Poplar Road in Kings Heath. One of the key reasons we are looking to work with Clive Mark is their commitment to reducing uniform costs as well as recycling uniforms and reducing the impact on the environment. The offer known as Reform includes the option to recycle in exchange for a discount, offering a pre-loved uniform offer as well as having an ethical approach to school uniform. Re:Form products are typically less than a 3<sup>rd</sup> of the price, the range with this can be limited depending on donations/ the quality of the products that come back but this range will grow. But any parents who donate can scan a QR code on the side to receive 10% off the next orders they place online or instore.

Based on the work of a single year 9 student who began a democratic campaign over a year ago, I am pleased to announce that our students will now also have the choice to wear tailored shorts to school. These unisex optional navy blue shorts can be worn in very hot weather and will increase the choice available to our students.

We have reviewed the material in our jumpers and are pleased to announce that we will now have 2 jumpers available. The existing jumper is quite thin and for some students this makes them too cold. We have now added a second jumper which is thicker for those who find the existing jumper too cold.

Finally, over the coming months you will notice the logo on the uniform will change to the more updated uniform. There is no need to buy anything new, if your child grows out of their existing uniform then this will be simply replaced with a uniform with a new logo.

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### **Pre-loved uniform**

As always, we endeavour to do all we can to support our families and community. As well as working with Clive Mark who have their own preloved and recycle offer, last year we began to collect and sell pre-loved uniform with all proceeds going to the student leadership body who then directed these funds to subsidise the summer trip to the beach.

As this was so successful and we have a demand, we will continue to create opportunities for families to donate their preloved uniform, which we will then sell on, again with student leaders directing where the proceeds are spent. Alongside uniforms we also welcome specialist items such as items you may have purchased for residential events that your child may have grown out of. This may include specialist ski equipment, waterproofs and jackets etc. You can drop off your washed old uniform at reception (if you are attending the Year 11 Progress Evening, it's a great opportunity to bring it along with you).

We will be running a pre-loved sale at the Band night 6-8pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr Singh', written in a cursive style.

Mr Singh  
**Headteacher**