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Uniform Guidelines

Session 26-27

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Our uniform is designed to be smart, comfortable and practical for school life. These guidelines are here to make things simple and consistent for everyone.

If you are ever unsure about any element of the guidelines, please do not hesitate to get in touch – we are always happy to help answer any questions you may have. Email the Junior or Senior School Receptions and they will pass your enquiry to the relevant member of staff.

This document is for guidance for the upcoming session 2026-2027 only. New guidelines will be issued for 2027-2028.

Core uniform list

For P1-S5 and School Leadership Team, the only items you will be required to buy new for August 2026 are the new blazer and new ESM tie. S6 students are asked to wear the current SMC or MES blazer and current SMC or MES tie. All other new uniform items are being phased in and might be available for purchase this year but will not be required until August 2027.

Please note that the new quarter-zip jumpers are **optional**. Students may also wear a plain navy high-street V-neck jumper, or no jumper at all. S6 students will continue to wear the current MES and SMC quarter zip or a navy or black V-neck jumper.

We have reduced the number of required items to make the uniform easier to manage. To ensure inclusivity, students may choose the items that best suit them from all the uniform options in their year group.

Nursery

- Nursery children should wear everyday play clothes
- Children should bring wellies and blue or black Muddy Puddles to Nursery. These will be kept in their Nursery room. Muddy Puddles can be purchased from the School at the beginning of each session, or any supplier, including our Thrift Shop
- Children require a Nursery branded sunhat. This will be kept in Nursery, and parents will be billed for this.



Junior School Primary 1- Primary 6 Day Uniform



All Primary 1 – Primary 6 students are expected to wear:

- The new Erskine Stewart Melville blazer from session 2026–2027
- The new Erskine Stewart Melville tie; an elasticated option is available for Primary 1–3
- A white, closed-neck blouse or shirt with long or short sleeves
- Black trousers, the kilt, or grey shorts





Trousers, kilts, and shorts should be worn as follows:

- Black tailored trousers with black socks and black shoes; trousers must be ankle length
- Kilts (including elasticated style for Primary 1–3) worn at knee length with black or navy tights or knee socks
- Grey shorts worn just above the knee with red cotton or red wool knee socks. Socks should be worn pulled up to the knee. If wool socks are worn, they should be worn with garters

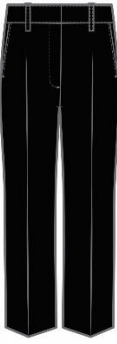

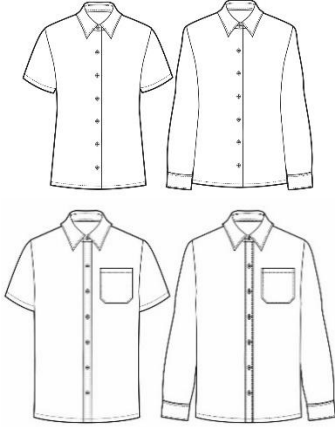

Optional layer:

- ESM-branded quarter-zip jumper (red or navy), or
- Plain navy V-neck jumper, or
- No jumper



Item	Required or Optional	Supplier
<p data-bbox="204 376 592 409">Erskine Stewart Melville Blazer</p> 	<p data-bbox="635 376 743 409">Required</p>	<p data-bbox="951 376 1086 409">Stevensons</p>
<p data-bbox="204 790 544 824">Erskine Stewart Melville Tie</p> 	<p data-bbox="635 790 743 824">Required</p> <p data-bbox="635 831 895 931">An elasticated tie option is available for P1-P3</p>	<p data-bbox="951 790 1086 824">Stevensons</p>
<p data-bbox="204 1178 592 1245">Elasticated Mary Erskine Tartan Skirt</p> 	<p data-bbox="635 1178 911 1391">Required (choose preferred option from kilt, trousers or shorts). An elasticated tartan skirt is available for P1-P3</p>	<p data-bbox="951 1178 1086 1245">Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p data-bbox="204 1559 504 1592">Mary Erskine Tartan Kilt</p> 	<p data-bbox="635 1559 911 1659">Required (choose preferred option from kilt, trousers or shorts)</p>	<p data-bbox="951 1559 1086 1626">Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>





<p>Black Tailored Trousers</p> 	<p>Required (choose preferred option from kilt, trousers or shorts)</p>	<p>Any supplier</p>
<p>Grey Shorts</p> 	<p>Required (choose preferred option from kilt, trousers or shorts)</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop Any supplier</p>
<p>White Closed-neck, Long- or Short-Sleeved Blouse or Shirt</p> 	<p>Required</p>	<p>Any supplier</p>
<p>Plain Navy V-neck Jumper</p> 	<p>Optional</p>	<p>Any supplier</p>



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<p>Erskine Stewart Melville Red or Navy Quarter Zip</p> 	<p>Optional</p>	<p>Stevensons</p>
<p>Black or Navy Knee Socks or Tights</p> 	<p>Required with kilt</p>	<p>Any supplier</p>
<p>Red Cotton or Wool Knee Socks</p> 	<p>Required with grey shorts</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>



Primary 7- S5 Day Uniform



All Primary 7 – S5 students are expected to wear:

- The new Erskine Stewart Melville blazer from session 2026–2027
- The new Erskine Stewart Melville tie
- A white, closed-neck blouse or shirt with long or short sleeves
- Black trousers or the kilt

Trousers and kilts should be worn as follows:

- Black tailored trousers with black socks and black shoes; trousers must be ankle length
- Kilts worn at knee length with black or navy tights or knee socks





Optional layer:

- ESM-branded quarter-zip jumper (red or navy), or
- Plain navy V-neck jumper, or
- No jumper

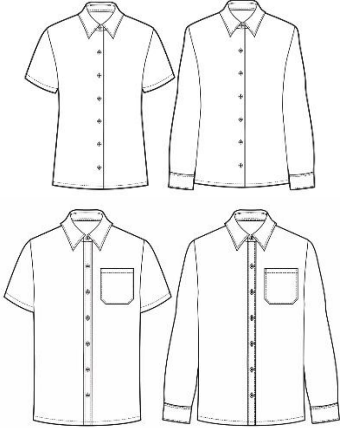




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Item	Required or Optional	Supplier
Erskine Stewart Melville Blazer 	Required	Stevensons
Erskine Stewart Melville Tie 	Required	Stevensons
Mary Erskine Tartan Kilt 	Required (choose preferred option from kilt or trousers)	Stevensons Thrift Shop
Black Tailored Trouser 	Required (choose preferred option from kilt or trousers)	Any supplier Thrift Shop




<p>White Closed-neck, Long- or Short-Sleeved Blouse or Shirt</p> 	<p>Required</p>	<p>Any supplier</p>
<p>Plain Navy V-neck Jumper</p> 	<p>Optional</p>	<p>Any supplier Thrift Shop</p>
<p>Erskine Stewart Melville Red or Navy Quarter Zip</p> 	<p>Optional</p>	<p>Stevensons</p>



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<p>Black or Navy Knee Socks or Tights</p> 	<p>Required with kilt</p>	<p>Any supplier</p>
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S6 Student Leadership Team Day Uniform



The Student Leadership Team is expected to wear:

- The new Erskine Stewart Melville red blazer from session 2026–2027. Blazers will be available to purchase from the School – more details will follow.
- The new Erskine Stewart Melville tie
- A white, closed-neck blouse or shirt with long or short sleeves
- Black trousers or the kilt

Trousers and kilts should be worn as follows:

- Black tailored trousers with black socks and black shoes; trousers must be ankle length
- Kilts worn at knee length with black or navy tights or knee socks



Optional layer:

- ESM-branded quarter-zip jumper (red or navy), or
- Plain navy V-neck jumper, or
- No jumper

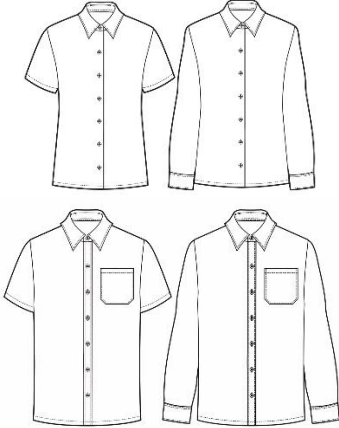




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Item	Required or Optional	Supplier
Erskine Stewart Melville Student Leadership Team Blazer 	Required	Erskine Stewart Melville – more details to follow
Erskine Stewart Melville Tie 	Required	Stevensons
Mary Erskine Tartan Kilt 	Required (choose preferred option from kilt or trousers)	Stevensons Thrift Shop
Black Tailored Trousers 	Required (choose preferred option from kilt or trousers)	Any supplier Thrift Shop




<p>White Closed-neck, Long- or Short-Sleeved Shirt</p> 	<p>Required</p>	<p>Any supplier</p>
<p>Plain Navy V-neck Jumper</p> 	<p>Optional</p>	<p>Any supplier Thrift Shop</p>
<p>Erskine Stewart Melville Red or Navy Quarter Zip</p> 	<p>Optional</p>	<p>Stevensons</p>



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<p>Black or Navy Knee Socks or Tights</p> 	<p>Required with kilt</p>	<p>Any supplier</p>
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S6 Day Uniform



S6 *All Other Students
Uniform*

S6 students are expected to wear:

- Their existing SMC or MES blazers and their current MES or SMC tie
- A white, closed-neck blouse or shirt with long or short sleeves
- Black trousers or the kilt





Trousers and kilts should be worn as follows:

- Black tailored trousers with black socks and black shoes; trousers must be ankle length
- Kilts should be knee length with black or navy tights or knee socks


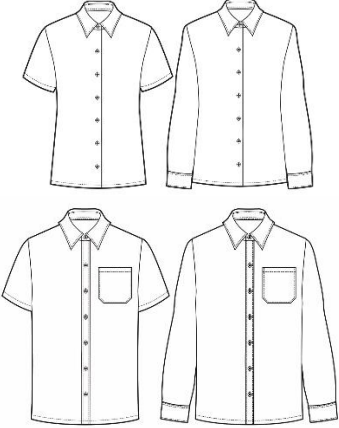


Optional layer:

- The current MES or SMC quarter zip, or
- A black V-neck jumper with the SMC blazer, or
- A navy V-neck jumper with the MES blazer, or
- No jumper
- Note: The new Erskine Stewart Melville quarter zip is not permitted with the SMC or MES blazers



Item	Required or Optional	Supplier
<p data-bbox="204 414 550 443">Existing Mary Erskine Blazer</p>  <p data-bbox="204 770 488 799">OR existing SMC Blazer</p> 	Required	Stevensons Thrift Shop
<p data-bbox="204 1171 474 1200">Existing MES/SMC Tie</p> 	Required	Stevensons Thrift Shop
<p data-bbox="204 1527 501 1556">Mary Erskine Tartan Kilt</p> 	Required (choose preferred option from kilt or trousers)	Stevensons Thrift Shop






<p>Black Tailored Trousers</p> 	<p>Required (choose preferred option from kilt or trousers)</p>	<p>Any supplier Thrift Shop</p>
<p>White Closed-neck, Long- or Short-Sleeved Shirt</p> 	<p>Required</p>	<p>Any supplier</p>
<p>Plain Navy V-neck Jumper with the MES Blazer</p>  <p>Plain Black V-neck Jumper with the SMC Blazer</p> 	<p>Optional</p>	<p>Any supplier Thrift Shop</p>



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<p>Current Mary Erskine Quarter Zip with the MES Blazer</p> 	<p>Optional</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p>Current Stewart's Melville Quarter Zip with the SMC Blazer</p> 	<p>Optional</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p>Black or Navy Knee Socks or Tights</p> 	<p>Required with kilt</p>	<p>Any supplier</p>



PE Kit All Students



For session 2026-27, all students are expected to wear:

- The existing MES or SMC PE Polo Shirt

For all other PE items, students can choose to wear either existing MES/SMC kit or the new Erskine Stewart Melville kit:

- MES or SMC PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort OR Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skorts. Please note, the new Erskine Stewart Melville skort and leggings will not be available to purchase until Autumn. You can wear the skort from Primary 6
- MES or SMC hoodies OR Erskine Stewart Melville red PE/Sports mid-layers
- MES or SMC Sports Waterproof quarter-zips can also continue to be worn for session 26/27
- Students playing rugby or hockey should continue to wear their existing MES/SMC rugby or hockey kit
- Any SMC or MES top can be worn for PE and for extra-curricular sport sessions. Students playing competitive sports should continue to wear their existing top but can wear either MES/SMC or Erskine Stewart Melville bottoms
- Students may continue to wear current MES/SMC ¼ zip waterproof tracksuit tops, MES sports leggings, or MES/SMC Under Armour base layers.







Item	Required or Optional	Supplier
<p data-bbox="204 320 373 351">MES Polo Top</p> 	<p data-bbox="882 320 1182 421">Required, students must wear either an MES or SMC polo top</p>	<p data-bbox="1236 320 1382 387">Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p data-bbox="204 752 411 784">SMC PE Polo Top</p> 	<p data-bbox="882 752 1182 853">Required, students must wear either an MES or SMC polo top</p>	<p data-bbox="1236 752 1382 819">Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p data-bbox="204 1171 395 1202">SMC Rugby Top</p> 	<p data-bbox="882 1171 1206 1238">Required for students who play rugby</p>	<p data-bbox="1236 1171 1382 1238">Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p data-bbox="204 1630 411 1662">SMC Hockey Top</p> 	<p data-bbox="882 1630 1206 1731">Required for students who play hockey and currently wear this top</p>	<p data-bbox="1236 1630 1382 1697">Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>







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<p>MES Hoodie</p> 	<p>Required: students must wear either the MES or SMC PE hoodie or the new ESM PE/Sports mid-layer. Knitted daywear quarter zips should not be worn as part of PE kit.</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p>SMC Hoodie</p> 	<p>Required: students must wear either the MES or SMC PE hoodie or the new ESM PE/Sports mid-layer. Knitted daywear quarter zips should not be worn as part of PE kit.</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p>Erskine Stewart Melville Red PE/Sports Mid-Layer</p> 	<p>Optional: students must wear either the MES or SMC PE hoodie or the new ESM PE/Sports mid-layer. Knitted daywear quarter zips should not be worn as part of PE kit.</p>	<p>Stevensons</p>
<p>MES Sports Waterproof Quarter-Zip</p> 	<p>Optional</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>







<p>SMC Sports Waterproof Quarter-Zip</p> 	<p>Optional</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p>Erskine Stewart Melville Storm Jacket</p> 	<p>Optional</p>	<p>Stevensons</p>
<p>MES PE Trousers</p> 	<p>Required (choose preferred option from trousers, shorts, leggings or skort). Students may wear either current MES or SMC PE trousers (any style), shorts, leggings or skort or the new Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p>MES Short</p> 	<p>Required (choose preferred option from trousers, shorts, leggings or skort). Students may wear either current MES or SMC PE trousers (any style), shorts, leggings or skort or the new Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>



<p>MES Skort</p> 	<p>Required (choose preferred option from trousers, shorts, leggings or skort). Students may wear either current MES or SMC PE trousers (any style), shorts, leggings or skort or the new Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p>MES Leggings</p> 	<p>Required (choose preferred option from trousers, shorts, leggings or skort). Students may wear either current MES or SMC PE trousers (any style), shorts, leggings or skort or the new Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p>SMC PE Trouser</p> 	<p>Required (choose preferred option from trousers, shorts or skort). Students may wear either current MES or SMC PE trousers (any style), shorts, leggings or skort or the new Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts leggings or skort</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>



<p>SMC Short</p> 	<p>Required (choose preferred option from trousers, shorts or skort). Students may wear either current MES or SMC PE trousers (any style), shorts, leggings, or skort or the new Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort. SMC rugby shorts may also be worn for PE</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p>SMC Rugby Shorts</p> 	<p>Required for students who play rugby (choose preferred option from trousers, shorts or skort). Students may wear either current MES or SMC PE trousers, shorts, leggings, or skort or the new Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort. SMC rugby shorts may also be worn for PE</p>	<p>Stevensons Thrift Shop</p>
<p>Erskine Stewart Melville Track Pant</p> 	<p>Optional: students may wear either current MES or SMC PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort, or the new Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort. Three new PE short styles are available, and students may wear any option for PE lessons, including rugby shorts</p>	<p>Stevensons</p>
<p>Erskine Stewart Melville Cuffed Track Pant</p> 	<p>Optional: students may wear either current MES or SMC PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort, or the new Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort. Three new PE short styles are available, and students may wear any option for PE lessons, including rugby shorts</p>	<p>Stevensons</p>



<p>Erskine Stewart Melville Double Layer Athletic Short</p> 	<p>Optional: students may wear either current MES or SMC PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort, or the new Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort. Three new PE short styles are available, and students may wear any option for PE lessons, including rugby shorts</p>	<p>Stevensons</p>
<p>Erskine Stewart Melville Performance Short</p> 	<p>Optional: students may wear either current MES or SMC PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort, or the new Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort. Three new PE short styles are available, and students may wear any option for PE lessons, including rugby short.</p>	<p>Stevensons</p>
<p>Erskine Stewart Melville Rugby Short</p> 	<p>Optional: students may wear either current MES or SMC PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort, or the new Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort. Three new PE short styles are available, and students may wear any option for PE lessons, including rugby shorts</p>	<p>Stevensons</p>
<p>Erskine Stewart Melville Skort</p> 	<p>Optional: students may wear either current MES or SMC PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort, or the new Erskine Stewart Melville PE trousers, shorts, leggings or skort. Three new PE short styles are available, and students may wear any option for PE lessons, including rugby shorts</p>	<p>Stevensons</p>



When to wear PE Kit

- Full school PE kit should be worn for all games and PE lessons
- Students playing rugby should wear their current rugby top, with either existing rugby shorts or the new Erskine Stewart Melville rugby shorts
- Students playing competitive sports should continue to wear their existing top but can wear either MES/SMC or Erskine Stewart Melville bottoms
- Junior School children should wear their PE kit to School on days when they have a PE lesson or their Games afternoon. PE trousers must be worn to and from School over the PE shorts
- Appropriate footwear should be worn for each activity
- Jewellery must be removed for safety reasons during PE or sport.

Appearance, Accessories & Practical Information

1. Footwear

To help maintain a smart and consistent appearance, we ask that all students wear:

- Plain black, smart, polishable shoes. Trainers, canvas shoes, or boots above the ankle, are not permitted to be worn with the Day Uniform
- No visible logos or branding
- Primary 5 – Primary 7 will require trainers to play sports on the astros at Ravelston at break and lunchtime
- Nursery – Primary 3 children require wellie boots, which will be kept in School.

2. Outerwear

- Plain navy or black coats (non-branded or minimally branded) may be worn outdoors only during particularly inclement or cold weather
- Hats and scarves may be worn in colder weather but must be removed indoors. Existing MES School scarves may continue to be worn. The SMC scarf can be worn by next session's S6 students only (except the School Leadership Team) when wearing the current SMC blazer. All other hats, scarves and gloves should be in plain School colours (red or navy). New Erskine Stewart Melville hats and scarves will be produced next session
- Nursery – Primary 3 children require a waterproof jacket. This may be our current "Mac in a sack" or a plain navy or black waterproof jacket. This can be purchased from any supplier, including our Thrift Shop
- Blue or black Muddy Puddles are required from Nursery – Primary 2. Muddy Puddles can be purchased from the School at the beginning of each session, or any supplier, including our Thrift Shop.

3. Hair, Jewellery and Appearance

We aim for a neat, natural and age-appropriate appearance:



- All uniform should be kept neat, tidy, and in good condition, with no visible holes or rips. Shirts should be tucked in with top buttons closed
- In Primary 4 – Primary 7 full uniform should be worn at all times when leaving the building, including a blazer or hoodie with tracksuit bottoms
- In the Senior School, blazers should be worn when moving around the Senior School campus
- In Nursery - Primary 7, hair should be kept tidy and tied back/up if shoulder length or longer and should not cover the face
- In the Senior School, shoulder length or longer hair should be tied back for practical activities
- Hair should be natural in tone, avoiding exaggerated styling or shaved patterns
- Students are not permitted to have facial hair unless required for religious reasons
- Jewellery should be simple and discreet. Gold or silver stud earrings may be worn, although hoop and bar-style earrings should not be worn to school. Nose studs and jewellery worn for cultural reasons are welcome. In the Junior School, pupils may wear one pair of stud earrings. In S1–S5, up to two pairs of studs may be worn, and in S6, up to three pairs of studs are permitted. Rings and bracelets should not be worn
- Fingernails should be natural. No nail polish, Shellac or extensions
- Children in the Junior School should not wear makeup to school. If makeup is worn in the Senior School, it should be minimal and natural
- Hijabs and turbans can be worn alongside the school uniform. If you would like any further information or guidance, please get in touch with Reception
- Badges on blazers - School badges may be worn on blazer lapels, and one other badge may be worn at Class Teacher's discretion. Up to three JASS badges may be worn.

4. Bags and Visibility

Children must have a school bag which will keep schoolbooks and large folders in good condition, separate from swimming kit. All children joining us in Primary 1 will be given a branded school bag. This school bag can also be purchased from the Junior School Reception. Children may choose their own school bag from Primary 3.

4.a Reflective Strips

Reflective strips can be worn on top of coats, etc. and are available from School Suppliers. Stevensons can also sew the strips on.

5. Labelling and Lost Property

All items of uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier for lost items to be returned quickly.

Unlabelled items will be placed in lost property, which is cleared regularly and items donated to the Thrift Shop. Lost Property is available in Ravelston House for the Junior School and in Old College for the Senior School. Timings for this will be shared at the start of term.



6. Flexibility and Support

We understand that there may occasionally be circumstances where a student is not in full uniform. If this happens, a quick note or email to the relevant member of staff is always appreciated.

If you have any questions about uniform, sizing or sourcing items, please get in touch with the Junior or Senior Receptions, we are here to help.

If you have any difficulties with the uniform, this will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact us to discuss.

We hope that everyone in our community takes pride in the school uniform and works together to ensure that students' appearance is smart, comfortable, and appropriate for school, in line with the guidance outlined above.

If a student's uniform does not meet these expectations, members of staff may ask them to make a simple adjustment, such as tucking in a shirt, or to remove a non-uniform item, such as a hoodie.

In Senior School, where an issue cannot be resolved at the time, the student may be issued with a uniform card to take home and get signed by a parent or guardian. This is simply intended to make parents aware that an item of uniform may need to be replaced or purchased. We are very grateful for the continued support of parents and carers in helping us maintain high standards of dress across the school community.

7. Sustainability

Over time we hope to build our supply of pre-loved uniform items. When your child outgrows items, please consider donating to the Thrift Shop. This is a great way to reduce waste and support our community.

The Thrift Shop will continue to carry kilts, grey shorts, red socks, and PE Kit for session 2026-2027 along with all non-branded items such as clothing for camps and outdoor learning, sports shoes and equipment and ski wear.

Thank you for following these guidelines. Our aim is to create a shared standard that supports a positive and focussed School environment. This document is for guidance for the upcoming session 2026-2027 only. New guidelines will be issued for 2027-2028.