

7th February, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Last academic year, I wrote to you to communicate a key change we intended to make to our uniform policy and uniform expectations. Following a very positive response from parents and carers, these changes came into effect from Wednesday, 4 September, 2019.

The next stage of these changes will come into effect from **September 2020**; the information below will provide key details about these changes.

What aspect of the uniform policy is changing and which students does it affect?

- Students in Years 7 – 10 will be expected to wear the new 'kilt' style skirt from September 2020.
- Students in Year 11 can continue to wear a grey, non-stretchy skirt, as described in our current uniform policy.
- The grey skirt will be phased out so that in September 2021 all students choosing to wear a skirt will wear the checked 'kilt style' skirt.

The kilt will be available in a full range of sizes and be embroidered with the school initials on the waistband. Skirts up to and including 28" waist will retail at £21.95, sizes 30" and above will be £28.50 at the school uniform shop.



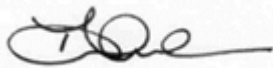
Why are we making this change?

We are continuing to heighten our expectations of all students at SBL Academy and believe that uniform makes a significant difference and is a major contributor to the culture of the school. We believe these changes will help us achieve consistency across the whole school and be clear with our students regarding our expectations and the importance of wearing the correct uniform appropriately.

Where can these items be purchased from and what funding/support is available?

The new 'kilt' style skirt can be purchased from our school uniform provider – 'Initially Yours'. If your son/daughter is eligible for the Pupil Premium, we will provide a uniform voucher for the full cost - This will be done by request only. If your child is not eligible for the pupil premium but you would like to request financial support for this item of uniform, please complete the 'Funding for school uniform' form on our website. This will be processed on a case by case basis and may require a meeting/conversation with your Head of House.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Anderson
Principal