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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

College Uniform Information



Firstly, I am pleased to confirm that we have managed to freeze the prices for our college uniform for the coming year; there will be no increase in the cost of any items.

Unfortunately, a small minority of students persist in wearing trainers to college. This is not part of the college uniform. However the distinction between a shoe and a trainer can be somewhat blurred and some students wear leather, lace-up pumps. However from September we are asking that all students wear proper shoes: Converse, Vans, Adidas or similar style of shoe will not be permitted, including those made of leather or leather replacement. Students who currently have leather style Converse, Vans or similar as their school-shoes may continue to wear them until the end of the summer term. In these cases, please ensure that they are replaced with shoes that comply with our expectations in time for the start of the new school year in September.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that trousers must be dark grey, not black; one small stud earring is permitted per ear; and that make-up, nail varnish and any kind of false nails are not to be worn. College uniform PE kit must be worn for all PE lessons and college sporting activities. Please ensure that your child has the compulsory PE kit. PE kit items may not be replaced by alternative non-PE kit garments, such as leggings or hoodies nor non-PE kit shorts, track pants or socks.

Please remember to clearly name all uniform items so that if they are lost and handed in, we will be able to return them!

We are very proud of our college uniform. It is distinctive and smart and the vast majority of our students wear it with pride. The standards set in a school, and in particular the standard of uniform, does much to enhance the learning environment for students. We have firm expectations regarding standards of dress because adherence to all college expectations is how we maintain high standards in all aspects of the college. By being firm about every rule we have, we ensure that students stay within clear boundaries, thus ensuring good behaviour.

I have included a copy of our uniform booklet with this email for your convenience. The booklet is always available on the college website: <http://www.thespirescollege.com/parents/college-uniform> and paper copies are available upon request from our reception office.

Finally, I would be very grateful if you would consider donating any items of uniform that your child has outgrown to the college so that we can help families who find it difficult to pay full price for uniform. If you can help, please bring any items to our reception office.

We rely on, and value, the support of parents and carers in working together to make the college an environment in which children can feel secure and comfortable, with clear expectations and boundaries upheld both within college and at home. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Alex Newton
Principal