

Dear parents and carers

### **School uniform from September 2020**

Prior to 'lockdown' the Trust Leadership Team worked with groups of students and parents across the Trust as part of a review of our uniform.

The overwhelming feedback across all of our secondary schools was that the current skirt is uncomfortable and ill-fitting, resulting in the need to roll the waistband.

In response we are changing the skirt from September and have chosen a smart, pleated design, with a check in the colour of each School, on a charcoal background. The new skirt is priced from £22.95-£29.95 depending upon length/size:

<https://www.coes.co.uk/collections/beccles-school-girls/products/set-beccles-skirt-for-kids-in-grey-royal>

<https://www.aubyndavies.co.uk/products/schuniski~ixworth-school-check-pleated-skirt/ixworth-school-check-pleated-skirt>

<https://www.coes.co.uk/collections/saxmundham-school-girls/products/set-saxmundham-skirt-for-kids-in-grey-maroon>

It is important to stress that there is **no compulsion** for students in **Years 8-11** to purchase the new skirt unless you as a family decide that a new skirt is needed.

The second change relates to the School tie. We have been able to reduce the cost of the tie from £10.95 to £6.95 whilst maintaining the quality. In terms of design, the only change is that the coloured stripe has been removed. Again, it is **not expected** that students in **Years 8-11** will purchase the new tie unless you as a family feel this is needed.

Whilst writing, I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and carers that each School can subsidise the purchase of any new uniform up to 75% of the cost, depending on family circumstances. Please make contact with the front office team for further information. In addition, the Friends of each School also have high quality second hand uniform.

Finally, on behalf of the Trust Leadership Team, I would like to thank those parents, carers and students who took part in the review. I have no doubt that all students will continue to wear our uniform with great pride.

Yours sincerely

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