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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: School Uniform

In response to community feedback, we have been reviewing the request for additional uniform items. I am pleased to inform you that the consultation process is now complete and the outcome is that we will be adding three new items to our school uniform. All three items are optional. The existing uniform has not changed.

1. Tights

From Monday 14 November 2016 girls may wear **70 denier plain black tights**. No other style, colour or thicknesses of tights are acceptable. Tights, however, may only be worn during Michaelmas and Lent terms.

2. School Jumper

Boys and girls may wear a v neck jumper (which can be bought with or without sleeves) underneath their blazers. The jumpers will have a red (Saxmundham), green (Ixworth) or blue (Beccles) stripe in the neckline and must be purchased from Coes. No other v neck jumper will be acceptable. Please note that the jumpers will not replace the blazers, which must be worn at all times when not in class. Its purpose is to therefore be an additional layer of warmth should it be required.

Coes are currently producing these jumpers for us and when they come into stock we will provide a sample in school and give you further details of cost and availability.

3. School Scarf

A school scarf will be available for students to purchase if they wish. This is also currently being produced by Coes and when it comes into stock we will again provide a sample in school and give you further details of cost and availability.

I hope families will welcome these additional items.

Whilst communicating the above, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our uniform expectations and to outline why we believe that a smart uniform is essential:

- It fosters a strong sense of identity and community by having a readily identifiable uniform in school, in the community and on school trips / visits;
- To instil a high level of pride in our students in their school, in order to raise aspirations and standards of achievement through improved behaviour, discipline and work ethic;



- Most of our students will go onto jobs and roles which will require them to dress in uniforms or particular ways when they are in the world of work. Preparing our students through school makes this much easier for them to achieve and makes them more employable.

School Uniform is an important part of the Trust's identity and so I expect students to take pride in their school uniform and to look smart every day. The Trust has introduced the above items as a response to consultation and requests from parents, but should students fail to meet the uniform expectations outlined, then it reserves the right to withdraw the privilege offered by the additional uniform items.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Youngman', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr N Youngman
Headteacher