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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

### College Uniform Reminder

Across this term, it has become noticeable that the number of students for which the college uniform expectations seem problematic has increased.

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.

Please take the opportunity of the Easter break to ensure that your child has all the correct uniform items and, once we return for the summer term, is wearing them every day.

I have included a copy of our uniform booklet with this email for your convenience. The booklet is always available on the uniform page of the college website: [The Spires College - Uniform](#) and paper copies are available upon request from our reception office.

Information regarding items that we experience regular discrepancies with is listed below:

**Footwear: black leather/imitation leather formal shoes.** No kind of trainers or pumps (Nike, Vans, Converse, etc.) are permitted. As the distinction between a shoe and a trainer can be somewhat blurred, a shoe guide is published in the uniform booklet.

**Trousers: dark grey, not black, tailored trousers.** These are traditional styled trousers. Examples of unacceptable trousers are jeans, leggings or leisure-wear.

**Jewellery: one plain finger ring and one small stud earring per ear.** No other jewellery is permitted. No facial piercings are permitted, including the wearing of piercing retainers. A guide with examples of acceptable earrings is included in the uniform booklet.

**Make-up, false eyelashes, nail varnish and any kind of false nails are not to be worn.**

**Hair must not be dyed unnatural colours.** Please note that, if hair is dyed during the school holiday, it will need to be returned to a natural colour before the start of the next term and this is often much harder to do than is anticipated.

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

I would like to take this opportunity to issue a reminder that the following items are not allowed in college. Again, these are things that we find issue with regularly and it is not an exhaustive list:

- Chewing gum / bubble gum
- Energy drinks
- Fizzy drinks
- Smart watches

The summer term will bring refreshed attention to basic expectations, full details of which are detailed in the Student Behaviour Policy, which is available on the college website: [The Spires College - Behaviour Policy](#). The consequences for not meeting uniform and other expectations are also detailed in the Behaviour Policy.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Squires', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Mr S Squires**  
**Assistant Principal**