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Dear Parents / Carers,

You recently received a letter explaining that as of September 2017, the school uniform is to be slightly altered. In order to ensure consistency of standards, modifications of the new uniform rules will not be tolerated and your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Firstly, all pupils in Years 8-11 will be issued (free of charge) with a new school tie. A decision has been made to change the tie to fit with the house system, therefore there will be four different coloured ties. The new tie will take on the blue background colour of the original tie but will have either a red stripe, green stripe, yellow stripe or light blue stripe, depending on the house. Students are currently involved in deciding on the new names for each house, and students will be allocated a house.

With regards to the new tie, the decision has been made to move to a clip-on variety. There are a number of reasons for this, including health and safety, avoiding regular reminders about the length of the tie (and the number of stripes), ensuring top buttons are fastened and to achieve consistency in appearance. This move towards clip-on ties has not been an easy decision to make as we appreciate the life skill involved in tying a tie and the preparation for the world of work. However, the benefits of focusing on positive conversations, rather than reminders about tie expectations, and the avoidance of health and safety issues prevailed.

Students will also be issued with a new badge (again free of charge), which we expect to be sewn over (or ironed onto) their previous badge, thus removing the need to purchase a new blazer. Students themselves voted on the specific badge design, which is in-keeping with the stripes and circles symbols on the United Endeavour Trust logo.

As we strive to ensure that all pupils look smart, rules regarding trousers are also to change. All trousers must be plain black and of suit-style, which means that fashion trousers, such as jeans, leggings, 'tight-fit' are not to be worn. All trousers are to be worn with plain black socks. Trainer socks must not be worn, neither should ankle socks with frills. If girls wish to wear a skirt, they must wear the black skirt containing the school logo.

In September, we expect all students to wear plain black sensible school shoes. Informal footwear, such as training shoes, pumps, sports branded shoes and boots are not allowed. Please do not allow your son / daughter to purchase footwear containing logos of any kind.

All other school uniform remains unchanged: a white shirt (long or short sleeved) which is to be tucked in at all times, a black blazer (with full length sleeves, not $\frac{3}{4}$ length) is still to be worn, no jewellery (other than a watch and no visible piercings other than **one** pair of discreet studs) is to be worn, nail varnish / false nails should not be worn and hair must look natural.

All students have been spoken to in year group assemblies regarding the changes to school uniform, particularly the changes to school shoes and trousers / skirts. If your son / daughter goes shopping for school shoes alone, please ensure that s/he does not return with footwear containing a sport brand or trainer-style as they will not be allowed. Please also be aware of the possibility that footwear could be advertised as school wear, yet will not fulfil our criteria. In the assemblies, all students have been shown images of acceptable

and unacceptable footwear so they have a good understanding of the expectations, come September. Likewise, please ensure that school skirts contain the STB logo and school trousers are of suit-style.

In the assemblies, students have also been made aware of the systems that will be in place in September regarding infringements to school uniform. Members of leadership will be on gate duty in the morning and any students found to have an infringement of uniform will be issued with a uniform referral slip. On the first occasion of a uniform infringement, you will be contacted and our concerns regarding your son's / daughter's uniform will be communicated. Following their first referral, if no improvement is seen, there will be further firm consequences.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support in ensuring consistency of standards.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Hingley
Headteacher



Miss Wainwright
Assistant Headteacher

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO YOUR CHILD'S FORM TUTOR

I/We have received the letter regarding the school uniform expectations, as of September 2017.

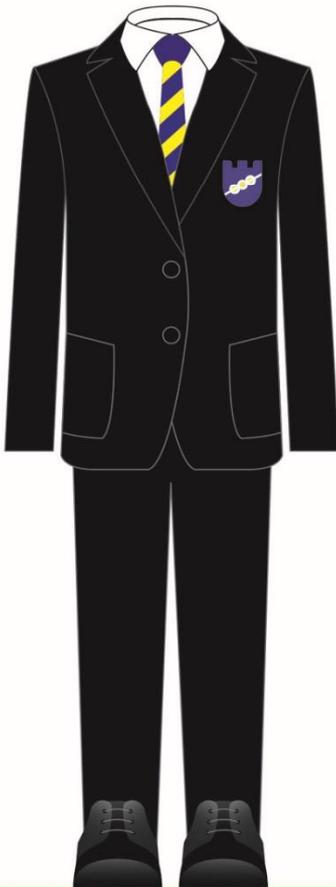
Print Name: _____

Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian of: _____

(Person with parental responsibility)

SIR THOMAS BOUGHEY SCHOOL UNIFORM



- ✓ House tie
- ✓ Black plain smart school shoes (not sports branding, trainer style or boots)
- ✓ Suit-style black trousers (not fashion items such as leggings, jeans or tight-fit)
- ✓ Black blazer containing the STBA school badge (the blazer must be full-length sleeves, not 3/4 length)
- ✓ White shirt with top button fastened (short or long sleeves)
- ✓ Plain black socks (not trainer socks or socks with frills) or black tights
- ✓ Black skirt with the STB logo

✓ ACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR



✗ UNACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR

