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Dear Parent/Carer,

Uniform

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, I felt that this was a good time for a reminder on school uniform. We pride ourselves at The Marches School on our high standards and this starts with our students being smartly attired. Sadly we are starting to see some items in school that are against our uniform policy. If your child has fallen into this trap, please ensure that these items are rectified for the New Year.

Skirts have become a real focus in recent times and we are seeing a vast number of skirts that are too short. In many cases this is because students choose to roll them up, making them shorter than they should be, but I also feel that there are a large number of skirts that are physically too short for the students. In January we will be checking to see that skirts fall in line with our policy, any that fall short will need to be rectified. Skirts must be tailored in style and pleated, no shorter than **2cm above the knee** with no fashion detailing such as pockets, patches or zips, they should not cling to the body or ride up whilst walking. Skater style skirts and stretch legging style/materials are not appropriate. A suitable style is available from RAM Leisure on our kit list in a range of sizes.

Shoes (or boots worn under trousers only) must be plain black leather style not canvas, in any sensible style with a maximum of 2cm heel.

Visible facial or body piercing including **tongue piercings** may not be worn unless worn as an aspect of a clearly identified religious faith. Clear retainers are also NOT allowed.

Trousers must be smart school style only. Trousers must not be skin tight, hipster or legging style. Material should not be cord, denim, Cotton Jeans style and trousers should not contain cargo pockets, Jeans style rivets or logo labels.

Coats – Single colour plain coats without patterns, logos or slogans may be worn. Tracksuit tops and Hoodies (either over the head or zip up) are not allowed as outdoor coats.

Hair - Extreme hair styles including tram lines or unnatural colours are not permitted - Hair length should be a minimum "number two" in length. Fashion hair accessories such as bows and flowers and baseball caps are not permitted.

Makeup – Nail polish and makeup is not permitted in KS3. At KS4 makeup should be natural and modest; nail polish must not be worn.

If you are in any doubt as to what is acceptable, there are some images on our school website that may help, www.marchesschool.co.uk, or feel free to discuss the matter with your child's tutor.

Thank you in advance for your support in these matters.

Yours sincerely

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