



12th July 2022

To: All Parents/Carers of Current Year 11 Students & Those Joining Prince Henry's in Year 12 this September

Dear Parents / Carers,

Sixth Form School Uniform

We need to make you aware of a manufacturing issue concerning the Option A Sixth Form straight skirt.

The school changed the style of the straight skirt in March 2022 ready for September 2022, in order to provide students with a skirt which was harder wearing, more robust and formally smart for school. Having chosen the new design, the skirt manufacturer was taken over by another company and the skirt was subsequently redesigned to a lower standard. Neither the school nor the School Shop were made aware of the change of manufacturer or design, so together, we have since asked for a brand-new skirt to be designed by a different manufacturer. This skirt will have: no logo, a superior harder-wearing fabric quality, an adjustable waist band and a kick vent enabling it to be fit for purpose both in school and for potential interviews/work experience. It will be comparable in price to the Option A pleated skirt and Option A trousers as we are very mindful of the rising cost of living for all of us.

Due to manufacturing and supply issues beyond the control of the School Shop, we have recently been informed this brand-new straight skirt is not likely to be available until later in the autumn. We will inform parents and carers as soon as it is in stock.

The school and the School Shop are bitterly disappointed that we have not had the new straight skirt ready for September. Therefore, should parents/carers wish to wait for this new skirt to be ready, we will allow students to wear their Lower School skirt until this is available. If your child is joining Prince Henry's from a different school in September, or has outgrown their Lower School skirt, please purchase a Sixth Form pleated skirt from the School Shop and we will exchange this for a brand-new straight skirt once it becomes available.

Please be assured that we share your frustration regarding this issue as it is outside of our control. Please may I wish you and your families a relaxing and restful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

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