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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to provide you with advance notice of changes to our school uniform that will be introduced from September 2019 for new intake Year 7 students. These changes have been approved by Governors and Parent Voice representatives.

This letter is to give you advance warning of these changes to ensure that when you are buying items of school uniform, including shoes, between now and the start of September 2019, that you are aware of the new requirements.

The changes are being made to improve the current standard of uniform being worn by students in the school and to ensure it is representative of the high standards we uphold. We have listened carefully to parents who had concerns over the appropriateness of some trouser and shoe designs. It is our aim to eliminate any ambiguity and we believe that parents will appreciate clarity over what constitutes correct uniform. The changes we are bringing in will ensure that our students look consistent, and valuable staff time is not spent dealing with uniform related issues.

The changes we are making are the introduction of standardised school trousers, a braided blazer and updated rules regarding school shoes.

The blazer will have a braid around the lapel and must be worn by all Year 7 September 2019 students; the blazer is available in both male and female fit. The trousers have the schools initials embroidered at the pocket and will be available in both male and female fit.

The blazer and trousers are only available via our current school uniform supplier Emblem who are based in Wickford. Only blazers and trousers purchased from Emblem are permitted.

The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College are the sole supplier of the school skirt and school tie.

Students are **only** permitted to wear black leather or leather effect shoes. Nike Air Force 1 trainers or similar are **not** permitted. We do not allow sandals, canvas, backless, sling back shoes or fashion boots. Please note all shoes should have low heels.

If you are unsure about acceptable shoes please contact the school prior to making a purchase.

If a student is not wearing the correct shoes the school will supply footwear for the student to wear until appropriate shoes can be purchased.

In addition the following items will also NOT be accepted as uniform:-

- Leggings of any type;
- Headscarves (excluding religious wear) / bandanas/ large hair slides/baseball caps or other headwear;
- Non-uniform jumpers & cardigans;
- Extreme hairstyles - only natural hair colour is allowed and no beading or inappropriate hair accessories;
- Only discreet make-up is allowed - in practical terms this means no lipstick, eye shadow, eye liner or false eyelashes;
- Coloured nail varnish - nails should be natural in appearance and short in length; false/gel nails are not acceptable;
- Visible jewellery, including earrings;
- Brightly coloured socks;
- Watches are permitted, however, please note that any notification function on any watch **MUST** be turned off; watches that have notification settings on, will be treated the same as mobile phones, confiscated and returned only to a parent.

Our uniform expectations can be found in the Academic Planner and on the School website. Please note that should a student be found to be wearing incorrect uniform, they may be withdrawn from their normal timetable whilst parents are contacted. In some cases it may be necessary to send a student home to make the necessary adjustments to their uniform, before returning to their learning. Please understand that with regard to uniform **the school's decision in all matters is final.**

Thank you in anticipation for your support in this matter. It is very important we maintain and take forward the high standards we have established.

At the Bromfords School and Sixth Form College we place an emphasis on the pride students demonstrate whilst wearing their school uniform both in school, in the wider community and whilst representing the school on trips and visits and would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely

J Edwards

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Deputy Headteacher