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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to thank you for your effort and support in working with us to ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform and looking smart every day. Over the last two years we have prioritised raising our uniform standards and as a result of us working together with this, we now see very few instances of students not in correct uniform.

We know that a smart uniform is a key component in students displaying good Performance Character and it positively impacts learning behaviour. Therefore, we value the importance of getting these basic expectations right.

Having reviewed our current uniform expectations, as we move forward into the next term we would like to add two new additions to our dress code for students, as well as remind you of the expectations we have of school skirts:

- **Skirts.** Students should not be wearing mini-skirts, which are short and tight-fitting, as they are not appropriate for school. Skirts that are appropriate are close to the knee, pleated or a loose design.
- **False nails.** Students should not be wearing any form of false nails to school. This prevents them from engaging fully in practical lessons and in some lessons can be a health and safety hazard.
- **Facial piercings.** Students may wear earrings that are studs, and they may also wear nose studs. However, hoops or longer designs of any description are not appropriate, as they pose a safety hazard.

Please could I ask for your support in ensuring your child meets the expectations of the above. If a student arrives to school after the Easter break not meeting these standards, they will either be asked to remove the item, or if not possible, be removed from lessons until the issue is resolved.

If you are not sure where to purchase suitable skirts from, below are some direct links to shops that sell skirts of a suitable style and design for school:

**Next**

Pleated Skirt 2 Pack - £11.00 - £21.00 ([Next Link](#))

**TU at Sainsburys**

Pleated Skirt - £6.00 - £8.00 ([TU Link](#))

**George at Asda**

Pleated Skirt 2 Pack - £12.00 - £14.00 ([George Link](#))

**M&S**

Pleated School Skirt - £9.00 - £14.00 ([M&S Link](#))

Should you have any other queries around uniform, please have a look at our uniform page on the school website ([TCOLC Uniform](#)) or get in touch with us.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in helping us to remain ambitious for our young people.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms A Lidbury**  
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