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Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a period of warmer weather over the Easter holidays so I should like to take the opportunity to explain the uniform requirements for the summer term to you.

Year 7 and Year 8 students

The School jumper will not be compulsory for the summer term. Year 7 and 8 students are not required to bring the jumper into school or wear it any time. They can choose to wear the jumper if they wish; they are, however, required to wear their blazer at all times, apart from the exceptions explained below. The school jumper must not be worn on its own. When the new Year 7, 8 and 9 students begin school in September, the requirement to wear a school jumper at all times will recommence.

All Students

We appreciate that all students get hot at this time of year. When students are playing football on the Astro pitch, they may remove their blazers. They may also remove their blazers when sat with friends at break or lunch. They must, however, be wearing a blazer when moving around the school; this would include returning from the Astro pitch, walking around the site at break or lunch and moving between lessons. This rule worked extremely well last year and helped to keep students smartly dressed but comfortable.

Often in schools, classrooms can get very hot. With this in mind, students are allowed to remove blazers or jumpers when in lessons, all year around, as long as they have the permission of the teacher. They must, however, have their blazer with them at all times so that they arrive to and leave lessons properly attired.

In our recent OFSTED inspection, our visitors made several comments about the high standards of uniform in the school and the fact that the students wear their uniform with pride. The vast majority of students live up to this high praise but, in a small number of cases, the standards are not being maintained. With that in mind, I would like to remind you of some of our uniform requirements at The Hamble School:

- Shoes must be formal, flat, leather-style school shoes with black soles. Canvas shoes are not allowed.
- Skirts must be plain navy blue Thornton type.

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- With the exception of one pair of small stud earrings, jewellery is not allowed.
- Make up is not allowed in Years 7-9. Girls in Y10 and 11 are permitted to wear a **discreet** amount of makeup as determined by the school.
- False nail and extreme hair styles or colours are not allowed.
- Socks must be black, tights must be opaque and plain black and socks may not be worn over tights.

Uniform is a tremendously important part of maintaining high expectations and standards that translates directly into attitudes to learning in the classroom. We appreciate your support in ensuring that students meet the above expectations.

If you have any questions about uniform, please refer to the website or speak to your child's tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,



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If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.