



26th November 2010

Dear Parents,

It is with regret that we once again feel the need to address the issue of uniform, within our school community. Though many of our pupils wear the uniform properly there are a significant number of pupils who do not. The standard of uniform has slipped significantly in recent months and therefore with effect from Monday 1st December 2010, students who fail to wear uniform correctly will have their names passed onto the Head of House and will automatically face an after school detention by way of a sanction. Non-uniform items may also be confiscated. Pupils have been given plenty of warning with regard to uniform standards and have been informed of this crack down in advance.

I am particularly concerned about the improper length of girls' skirts and the regularity with which some of the girls roll them up to an inappropriate length. Some seem determined to go beyond the "knee above the knee" policy, which we believe gave a concession to the girls in terms of fashion and was a decision taken in response to a suggestion made by the pupil voice initiative. Furthermore there has been an increase in the frequency that my staff are having to deal with uniform issues, including asking students to tuck shirts in, do top buttons up and generally wear uniform correctly. Pupils in the senior part of the school who wear inappropriate uniform, set a poor example for pupils lower down the school and pupils who leave the site improperly dressed at the end of the day give a very poor impression of St George's, despite the fact that many of the pupils are wearing their uniform impeccably.

Our students are well aware of what's expected and I would like to restate what is required and ask you to go through this with your youngsters.

- Skirts** They must be the proper length: no more than "a knee above the knee". Girls should put a thumb and forefinger around the top and bottom of knee cap- that span is the distance above the top of knee cap that the skirt can be. It may be that a number of girls need a new uniform skirt, or for their current one to be hemmed down, as many of them grow so quickly.
- Shirts** These should be tucked in at all times with top buttons done up.
- Jackets** Jackets should be worn around the school site, including Sixth Form. Pupils can take off their Jackets in lessons but only with the teacher's permission.
- Ties** Ties should be of a reasonable length with at least six whole stripes of the House Colours being completely visible, unless the pupil is small in stature.
- Trousers** To be properly worn around the waist.
- Scarves** Pupils can wear school uniform scarves around the school site, but not in class/tutor time or Chapel.
- Outdoor Coats** These must not be worn around the school site between 08.40 – 15.40pm.

Jewellery	No jewellery should be worn by students in Years 7 to 11. This includes retainers.
Make Up	No make up should be worn in school in Years 7 to 11. Any lip balm should be clear.
Sixth Form	Pupils in the Sixth Form should conform to the Uniform code as published in their Prep book
Footwear	Pupils wearing non School uniform shoes (which must be black and polishable) must have a note from home detailing the medical reason for this.
Badges	Only school issue badges, or up to two “charity” badges.

Pupils are also expected to wear the correct uniform to and from School. Pupils who arrive at School improperly dressed will be sent home to change. Please contact your Head of House if you have any uncertainty.

We appreciate the support the parents have given to the School in the past on the previous occasions that uniform has been raised as an issue and I am asking you to once again work with school staff in order to help us sustain high uniform standards at St Georges.

Jeremy Hollingsworth
Assistant Head