

Our Ref LB/JS

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Dear Parent/Carer

In order to purchase school uniform for the new academic year, one of our suppliers, Elizabeth's Embroidery, will be coming into school to enable students to try on items and buy blazers, ties, and PE kit. The company will be based in our Sixth Form area and will be selling uniform on Thursday, 4 July from 3.30pm – 6.30pm.

In addition, our second uniform supplier, Cre8ive Graphics Ltd, has a shop at 12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7LF. Families are able to visit the shop and try on items before purchasing uniform.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers and students of our uniform expectations:

All students in Years 7-11 wear maroon blazers and a tie with the St John's badge on. Each year group has a specific colour stripe on their tie and this remains their coloured tie for 5 years. For September 2024 the tie colours are:

- Year 7 Lilac (Clip on tie)
- Year 8 Green
- Year 9 Orange
- Year 10 Turquoise
- Year 11 Maroon

No outdoor coats, scarves, hats or hoodies are worn in the building (these can be stored in lockers or bags). Piercings, jewellery, false eyelashes and false nails are not permitted.

Uniform Expectations

- ✓ Maroon blazer
- ✓ School tie with St John's logo
- ✓ White shirt (not fitted) – buttoned at the top and tucked in
- ✓ Black trousers – straight leg **(No jeans or chinos. "Skinny" trousers, jeans or leggings are not allowed)**
- ✓ Black skirt – style is drop waist with pleats; black opaque tights to be worn with skirts
- ✓ Black smart dress shoes **(no trainers, plimsolls or canvas shoes)**
- ✓ Coat for outdoor use – breaktime and lunchtime
- ✓ Plain black V-neck jumper/tank-top **(optional)**

PE kit

- ✓ Maroon sports socks
- ✓ Black shadow stripe shorts – no logos
- ✓ Maroon polo shirt or maroon t-shirt with St John's logo
- ✓ Football boots and shin pads
- ✓ Mouth guard (for rugby)
- ✓ Astroturf trainers or plastic studded boots must be worn when using 3G pitch

Please find below a summary of the current prices regarding school uniform:

Main School Uniform				
Item	Optional or Requirement	Elizabets Embroidery	Cre8ive Graphics	Local supermarkets, clothes or sports shops
School blazer with St John's logo	Requirement	From £27.00	From £29.90	Not available
School tie with St John's logo	Requirement	From £6.00	From £6.80	Not available
Black straight leg trousers (no jeans, leggings, chinos or skinny fit) OR Black drop waist pleated skirt	Requirement	Age 11-12 - £14.85 Waist 25" – 28" - £18.15 Waist 29" – 40" - £21.95 Age 11-12 - £14.30 Waist 20" - 26" £20.00 Waist 28" - 40" £23.50	Not available Waist 24" - 28" - £20.60 Waist 30" - 40" - £26.95	Available
White, plain shirt (not fitted)	Requirement	From 14.85 (twin pack)	Not available	Available
Smart black dress shoes	Requirement	Not available	Not available	Available
V neck black tank top	Optional	From £15.00	From £16.30	Not available
V neck black jumper	Optional	From £15.50	From £15.00	Available

PE Uniform				
Item	Optional or Requirement	Elizabets Embroidery	Cre8ive Graphics	Local supermarkets, clothes or sports shops
Maroon polo shirt with St John's logo OR Maroon t-shirt with St John's logo	Requirement	From £8.50 From £6.50	From £5.55 From £5.40	Not available
Black shadow stripe shorts - no logo	Requirement	From £4.50	From £4.00	Available
Maroon sports socks – no logo	Requirement	S – M £5.00 L – XL £6.00	M (1-5) £4.50 L (6-11) £4.80	Available
3G footwear (astro turf boots / plastic moulded studs)	Requirement	Not available	Not available	Available
Shin pads	Requirement	Not available	Not available	Available
Swimming costume, towel and goggles	Requirement	Not available	Not available	Available
Plain black hoodie with St John's logo	Optional	From £13.50	From £10.20	Not available
Plain black hoodie – no logo	Optional	From £13.50	From £10.20	Available

In addition to our uniform suppliers, we hold a “pre-loved school uniform shop” for parents/carers to access. Parents/carers are invited to donate items of their child’s uniform to school when they no longer need it, particularly if the items are still in good condition. We will then arrange suitable times during the school holidays and year when families can access the pre-loved uniform. Donations of uniform items can be brought to our Main Reception and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

We hope this information is useful, particularly as we have sourced the best value suppliers to help with the purchase of school uniform but, if you have any issues regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely

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