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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all families who have taken the time to engage with our recent uniform consultation. We have received a high number of thoughtful responses and are currently reviewing the key themes that have emerged. We will communicate the next steps in due course.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to remind families why high standards of uniform matter. A consistent approach to uniform helps students to feel proud to be part of our school community, reduces distractions, supports equality and ensures that our focus remains firmly on learning. Clear expectations relating to how students wear our school uniform allows our school life to operate with a sharp focus on learning and wellbeing.

As we approach the final day of our first term, we are sharing some key reminders to support a calm and successful return to school for all year groups on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**. We want every student to return safe, ready to learn and able to make significant progress in their lessons.

A reminder of our start of school day timings

Students can arrive onto campus from 8.00am and must be in their form line at 8.30am. This means they will need to arrive onto campus prior to that through the usual entrance which is staffed by our pastoral team, displaying they are ready to learn with their full equipment. Their form tutor will be available to meet and greet students in morning lines from 8.20am, welcoming them to school and supporting them with any issues they may have.

Our school day finishes at 3pm unless students are participating in one of our post school enrichment activities. Enrichment timetables will be available in our Key Messages to Parents/carers on Tuesday 6th January.

A reminder of our uniform expectations

**Shoes:** Plain, flat, below the ankle all black polishable footwear only (including soles). Footwear should have no air pockets, different coloured laces or any additional decoration. It should not be a sports shoe.

**Socks:** Black or navy knee high socks or tights should be worn, free from any adornments such as bows or frills.

**Trousers:** Must be school approved tailored, black trousers, no flares, leggings, jeans, canvas, chinos or corduroy allowed.

**Skirt:** Navy skirt, stitch down pleated (school crest optional), worn at full length as per their design with "no rolls".

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**Shirt:** Plain white, short or long sleeved, worn tucked into the trousers/skirt.

**Jewellery:** No jewellery may be worn, this includes earrings and other piercings (including clear ones). Please note, we do not allow plasters over new piercings – students will be asked to remove all piercings and they will be confiscated if seen until the end of the school day.

**Make-up:** Should be discreet. Students wearing noticeable makeup will be required to remove it. Nail varnish and false nails (including gels and acrylics) are not permitted for health and safety reasons.

**Haircuts:** Hair should be kept tidy with a sensible style and length. Extreme haircuts are not permissible, e.g. unnatural hair colour and shaved heads less than grade 2.

**Bags:** Students should have a suitable bag to carry their belongings. Essential equipment including a pencil case, pen, pencil and ruler will be checked daily by year teams to ensure students are ready to learn. School bags should have two straps and be large enough to carry a PE kit.

Uniform is an integral part of TKS's sense of belonging, should you face any difficulties in obtaining items of uniform or equipment please do not hesitate to contact us, we are here to support. Students are always given the opportunity to correct uniform issues on entry to school and in form time, utilising our spare uniform stock should a student require an emergency replacement item. Should a student fail to meet our uniform expectations, sanctions may be applied in line with our Ready, Respect, Safe Policy.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and a positive culture for all students. We wish all families a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming students back ready to learn.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K Roban (Deputy Headteacher) Pastoral Care, Behaviour and Standards

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