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Dear Parents / Carers.

I am writing to you, ahead of the new term, to remind you of our school uniform policy, to hopefully ensure any items purchased over the summer break are fully compliant with school expectations. Please see below for a copy of the uniform policy, which is also outlined both on our school website and in the student planner. May I take this opportunity to draw your attention to a couple of aspects.

As you will be aware, students in all year groups are permitted to wear a mid/dark grey skirt with single, double box or knife pleats, with these pleats beginning at the waist and being all round the skirt. Further to this, year 10 and 11 students are alternatively permitted to wear an A-line skirt. This alternative skirt is available from our official outfitter, Knife Pleat skirt (casey's schoolwear.co.uk) and should be 22 inches long. Please note that mini-skirts and stretchy skirts are not permitted for school.

In relation to school shoes, please be aware that these should be plain black with no contrasting trimmings and must be of a substantial style with a full toe and heel. Boots, canvas shoes, plimsolls and trainers are not permitted. Furthermore, can I confirm that no jewellery, apart from a wristwatch, is permitted in school. Any body piercing should be arranged for the beginning of the summer holiday period so that studs etc can be removed while at school.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to promote our pre-loved uniform shop which will be open this week on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th July, from 2.15pm - 3.15pm, to coincide with our summer school for incoming year 7 students. The pre-loved uniform shop includes BGS school uniform items, in a variety of sizes, and will be operating in the school's reception with the support of the school's PA.

Wishing you a lovely summer,

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs V L Ellis, Deputy Headteacher

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students must keep to the following regulations. They are designed to be as simple as possible but no list can be completely comprehensive. Items marked * are compulsory. Our official school outfitter is: Caseys, 240 Blackfen Road, Sidcup, 020 8850 8645. These outfitters do not sell all the items mentioned; other outfitters such as Marks & Spencer or John Lewis may supply comparable items.

Shoes

- Plain black with no contrasting trimmings. No other colours are allowed.
- Shoes must be of a substantial style with a full toe and heel.
- Must be worn in school at all times.
- Definitely no boots, canvas shoes, plimsolls or trainers

*Tights or Socks must be worn.

- For boys: plain black or grey colour.
- For girls: must be ankle length white socks or full black tights.
- Leggings, leg warmers & knee high socks/tights are not allowed.

*Trousers

Mid or dark grey long trousers.

*Skirt

- Mid/dark grey skirt with single, double box or knife pleats.
- Pleats must be all round the skirt and must begin at the waist.
- This is the only type of skirt to be worn until Year 10.
- In Year 10 and 11 an A-line skirt (without slits) may be worn (available from Caseys)
- Skirts must be 22 inches long.
- Please note that mini-skirts and stretchy skirts are not suitable for school.

*Shirt

- Plain light blue with a collar, short or long sleeves but not sleeveless.
- Shirts must be tucked in. Polo shirts and T-shirts must not be worn.

*Blouse

- Plain light blue with a revere collar, short or long sleeves but not sleeveless.
- No long sleeved tops to be worn underneath shirts or blouses.

*Blazer

Navy blue, not black, with House Badge. Badges are available only from Caseys.

Pullover (optional) Only to be worn with a blazer

• The official navy blue school pullover, V-necked with embroidered school logo, is available from Caseys. No other pullover is acceptable.

*Tie (Boys only)

Navy blue with a single Bexley Grammar School badge. Only from Caseys.

Hair

- Hairstyles must not include motifs or tracks and should be one natural hair colour
- Ribbons/hair clips if worn must be navy blue or black.
- Students must be clean shaven.

Outer coat/School bag

- Outer coat should be in a simple style without prominent logos (not sport/leather jackets or hoodies).
- A suitable school bag, this can be a rucksack style.

Jewellery

- No jewellery, apart from a wristwatch, is permitted
- Any body piercing should be arranged for the summer holiday so that studs etc can be removed while at school.
- Make-up must not be obvious. Nail varnish is not permitted.