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Dear Parent / Carer

### **School Uniform Update**

We are writing to inform you of the school's decision to change the uniform following our consultation exercise.

We are introducing a new school uniform to help achieve the following aims:

- Further strengthen our school ethos, values and expectations, including good school behaviour
- Strengthen our students' sense of belonging to their school and pride in being part of our school community.
- Improve equality and reduce inconsistencies
- Reduce the need to challenge students over inappropriate uniform items
- Reduce conflict and promote positive relationships, allowing students and teachers to concentrate on teaching and learning

We wrote to all parents in December 2019 with summary feedback from our consultation. We followed this up by inviting parents and carers of Year 7 and 8 students to consultation events with senior school staff and West Norfolk Academies Trust leaders.

The key concern raised by parents throughout our consultation was affordability. We are committed to ensuring that the cost of uniform must not be used to socially exclude any parent from wishing to send their child to our school.

We will supply every child with one free jacket and one free pair of trousers or one skirt for Years 7, 8 and 9 irrespective of parental income. The Learning Support Fund is also available for eligible families. This can provide up to a further 75% subsidy for the purchase of uniform.

We are now in a position to confirm there will be a phased introduction of a new school uniform for our Year 7 intake and for Years 8 and 9 from the start of the next academic year in September 2020.

Years 10 and 11 will not see any change to their existing uniform but if Year 10 and 11 children would like to wear the new uniform, it will be available to buy.

Based on the feedback received, the new uniform will differ slightly from the images previously shared during our consultation. New images will be posted onto our website once manufacturing is finalised. Items will also be on display in Reception during the Summer term.

Our current uniform providers, Price & Buckland, will supply the new uniform. There will be sizing events ahead of the uniform release during the Summer term. These dates are yet to be confirmed but we will inform parents as soon as we have this information.

These sizing events will be open to students and their parents to ensure the correct size and fit for every student. Following these events, parents will be able to purchase directly from Price and Buckland's website.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to provide constructive feedback. These valuable conversations with Governors, parents, carers, students and staff helped to inform and guide our decision.

We are confident that our new uniform will help deliver our aims and continue our work to raise standards at Marshland High School.

Yours sincerely



**Mr Craig Jansen**  
Headteacher



**Mr Steve Cozens**  
Chair of Governors

**New Uniform**

<b>Compulsory Items Available from Price &amp; Buckland</b>	
<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
Dark Grey Jacket with royal blue school heron and piping – from £32.50	
Dark Grey Boys Trousers with royal blue school heron – from £15.50	Dark Grey Girls Trousers with royal blue school heron <b>OR</b> Grey Granite Tartan knife-pleat skirt with royal blue school heron from £15.50 (trousers) / £21.00 (skirt)
New School Tie - £8.00 (guide only tbc)	
<b>Available from High Street retailers</b>	
White Shirt with stiff collar (long or short sleeved)	White Shirt OR Blouse with stiff collar (long or short sleeved)
Plain grey or black socks	Plain grey OR black socks OR plain grey, black OR flesh-coloured tights
Flat black, plain leather-type shoe with enclosed toe and heel. No decorative fashion accessories such as buckles/beads	
<b><u>Optional item to wear under a Jacket</u></b>	
Grey fine knit sweater with royal blue stripe on the collar (from £13.95)	
Please note where “from” is stated this relates to VAT regulations that only applies for older child age range clothing sizes	