

St. Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls and Sixth Form (co-ed)



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Dear Families,

A NEW UNIFORM FOR ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The St Martin's uniform is very distinctive and has been unchanged for a long time. We are aware that it is an important part of the school identity but it has become unpopular with our students and needs to be refreshed.

We have been working with a supplier to organise some ideas for a new uniform and we have been very impressed with their suggestions to help give the uniform a new modern look and feel.

The changes to the uniform represent the image that we want to portray of a school with high expectations, one of academic excellence, our values and heritage. The colour range for the uniform has been taken from our school logo which will still feature prominently on the uniform. We have now got some final designs that have been shared with staff and have Governors approval. The exact design of the new uniform has not been finally decided and for this, we would value your input as families and will ask for the students' opinions too.

Once agreed, the new uniform will be compulsory for all Year groups from September 2017.

COST OF THE UNIFORM – FREE OF CHARGE TO EXISTING FAMILIES

In partnership with the governors and some sponsorship, we are pleased to have arranged for existing families to be given an initial set of uniform, **FREE OF CHARGE** consisting of:

1 x Blazer with embroidered logo

1 x School Jumper

1 x School Blouse

1 x School Skirt

This will be for all existing students from the current Year 7 through to the current Year 10. The company who are supplying the new uniform will come to school to measure the girls for the correct sizes and the new uniform will be delivered to your daughter in school before the end of the summer term.

We have worked closely with the supplier to keep the price of the new uniform as low as possible and additional items will be available for families to purchase at a discounted price for a fixed time during the summer term, details to follow. The price of the new-design uniform will be similar to the current uniform, taking into account 2017 prices.

This allowance is only for existing students and it is expected that those joining the school in September 2017 will purchase their own new uniform.

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More details of this will be given once the uniform has been finalised. There is also an ongoing discount given by the supplier, and an option to club together with more than one family to increase the percentage discount. Again, more information on this will be shared later.

KEY DATES

Parental viewing and feedback of new uniform

- Friday 17 March 2017 from 4.00pm to 5.00pm
- Monday 20 March 2017 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Student viewing and feedback

- Monday 20 March students viewing and feedback assembly

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

The skirt is the main item of uniform which will be provided to all girls. A longer skirt will be provided for our Muslim students. We have listened to parents and girls and would like to introduce trousers as an optional extra and are currently working on the design with the supplier. The trousers, which will have our logo on them, will be available from the supplier along with any other additional uniform items once the design has been finalised. We will also have a tank top that will be ideal for girls to wear in the warmer months. Later in the year we will discuss with the girls an option for a summer dress.

PE UNIFORM

The PE Uniform will remain the same for all existing students, with some slight changes for the new Year 7 joining in September. It is not expected for existing students to change their PE kit unless purchasing replacements, in which case they will be able to purchase the new items from our selected retailer; more details of this will be available shortly.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday or Monday to view the uniform. In the meantime, please contact us should you have any further comments. In the coming weeks, we will put pictures of the uniform on the website.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



Robert Edmondson
Chair of Governors