

Uniform Update

3rd April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing with further information following our recent communication regarding amendments to the school uniform for the 2025/26 academic year.

We would like to thank parents for the feedback provided since our previous letter and we hope that the details below will provide additional information.

Uniform Requirements from September 2025

From September 2025, students will have the option to wear plain full length black tailored trousers (not denim, slim, skinny or flared fit) or the optional new school skirt as detailed in our previous letter [here](#). The existing skirt will no longer form part of our school uniform and cannot be worn from 1st September 2025.

Size Guide

The new skirt is available in the following waist sizes:

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| 22" | 26" | 30" | 34" | 38" |
| 24" | 28" | 32" | 36" | 40" |

All sizes come in a 22" length.

The 22" waist version is also available in a 20" length.

For reference the current school skirt is available in an 18" and 20" length version.

We have sampled a range of students across all year groups and can confirm that the size of the waists of new skirts match the fit of the existing skirts.

The new skirt features an elasticated, adjustable waist to comfortably accommodate students as they grow. In our sample trials we have found that using this elasticated band, the waist of skirts can be reduced in size by at least 1" without affecting the way the skirt hangs.

Sample Skirts

After the Easter break, fitting samples of the new skirt will be available for students to try on before and after school. Further information will be communicated to students about this on the return to school.

How to Purchase

The new school skirt will be available to purchase via the RBHS online shop from Monday, 7th April. Simply visit www.rbhs.co.uk/shop

Orders for the school skirt are required by 31st May 2025 to allow the manufacturer to produce these ready for delivery to school in late July/early August 2025. School will contact parents when the skirts are available for collection.

The cost of the skirt is £29.95.

There are two options available:

1. Purchase now – full payment taken at time of checkout
2. Pay on collection - £1 payment per skirt taken at time of checkout with the remainder payable on collection of the skirt.

Both of the options above require payment by credit or debit card.

Please note that RBHS is a cashless school and should you select to 'Pay on collection', we can only accept payment via credit or debit card. We are unable to accept cash payments.

We recognise that not all parents have access to a credit or debit card and if you wish to purchase the skirt using cash, please email parentpay@rbhs.co.uk and we can arrange for payment to be made via the [Paypoint](#) in-store service.

The school is also able to offer extended payment plans to parents. If you require further information about this, please email parentpay@rbhs.co.uk.

Collection of Items

Parents will be contacted by email when the skirts are available for collection. We anticipate that this will be in early August. The school will publish a calendar of dates when parents can collect the skirt from the Upper School site. We recognise that parents may not be able to attend during the standard working week and we will take this into account, offering evening and weekend dates for collection.

Exchanges

We recognise that parents are purchasing the skirt online, rather than in store and students may change sizes between an order being placed in May and the delivery of the skirts in August.

School is ordering additional inventory of the skirts and will allow parents to exchange unworn skirts that still have the manufacturer's tags in place, for a different size if required. (subject to availability). This offer will remain in place until 2nd September, 2025.

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Buy Back Scheme for the 2025/26 Academic Year

Whilst we believe that the quality of the skirt will mean that it will last for many years, we recognise that some students may outgrow their skirt during the first academic year of wear. For the next academic year only the school will offer a buy back scheme to students in all year groups. At the end of the 2025/26 academic year in July 2026, students will be able to return skirts that are in a well maintained and re-wearable condition (no permanent marks or damage – including all buttons intact) and school will reimburse parents £15 per skirt. We will then make these skirts available via our school shop at the same value to other parents (terms and conditions apply).

Further information on this scheme will be communicated to parents in June 2026.

Uniform Suppliers

Please note that our uniform suppliers will continue to stock all other aspects of the school uniform. The uniform suppliers will also stock the new school skirt from mid-2026 onwards.

Details of our uniform suppliers are listed below:

- **Andrew Leech Schoolwear** - website : [click here](#) / telephone : 01204 697624
- **Whittakers Schoolwear** - website : [click here](#) / telephone : 01204 389485
- **Smart Schoolwear** - website : [click here](#) / telephone : 01204 392610
- **Nu:uniforms** – website : [click here](#) / telephone : 01257 275512

Please don't hesitate to contact us at office@rbhs.co.uk if you need any further information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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