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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the close of this current academic year, our thoughts turn to welcoming students back for the new academic year in September and I would like to take this opportunity to remind all families of our expectations regarding school uniform.

At Orion Ravensbourne, we believe that a smart school uniform promotes pride, belonging and a strong sense of identity. It removes distractions, supports equality, prepares students for the world of work and reinforces the high standards and culture of excellence that we expect from every member of our community. We are incredibly proud of our students and expect them to wear their uniform correctly every day.

Changes to Branded Uniform

In line with new statutory guidance introduced by the Department for Education from September 2026, secondary schools may require no more than four compulsory branded uniform items, provided one of those items is a tie. This change has been introduced to help reduce costs for families while maintaining high standards.

For Orion Ravensbourne, the only compulsory branded items are:

- School blazer
- School tie (year-group specific)
- PE T-shirt
- PE bottoms (shorts or joggers)

All other branded items, including the school jumper, are optional. Families are welcome to purchase plain alternatives that meet our uniform requirements i.e. colour and style, which have been signposted at the end of this letter.

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Our Uniform Expectations

Students are expected to arrive at school each day looking smart, professional and ready to learn. This means:

- Blazer worn at all times unless permission is given to remove it.
- School tie worn correctly with 6 stripes visible.
- Plain white shirt, fully tucked in.
- Smart black school shoes (trainers, trainer-style shoes or canvas footwear are not permitted).
- Grey trousers or skirts worn correctly, with skirts at approximately knee length.
- Sleeves must not be rolled up.
- Grey socks.
- One pair of plain stud earrings may be worn.
- No other jewellery is permitted.
- No make-up.
- No false eyelashes, acrylic nails or nail varnish.
- No unnatural hair colours or extreme hairstyles.
- Outdoor coats, hoodies and hats must not be worn inside the school building.

We ask families to ensure students leave home each morning dressed correctly, as this helps them begin the day positively and ready to learn.

If Uniform Expectations Are Not Met

Our aim is always to work with families to resolve any uniform issues quickly and positively. If a student arrives at school not meeting our uniform expectations:

- They will first be given the opportunity to correct the issue, where possible.
- Parents or carers will be contacted to seek support in resolving the matter.
- Where the uniform cannot be corrected on the day, the student will work out of circulation until the issue has been resolved.

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This approach ensures that our expectations remain consistent for every student while allowing us to work collaboratively with families.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that every student represents Orion Ravensbourne with pride and contributes to the positive, purposeful culture that makes our school such a special place.

We look forward to welcoming all students back for another successful year on Thursday 3rd September.

Yours sincerely
Miss E Campbell
Vice Principal

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Uniform

Skirts- Grey box Pleated purchased from School Uniform Shop

Grey – V Neck Jumper

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