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14th June 2018

Dear Parent/Carers,

As promised in the Principal's welcome letter, I am writing to keep you up to date with changes that will come into effect from September 2018. As the school transitions across to Academy status and enters its first year as a member of United Learning, there are a number of changes that have to occur. We are extremely fortunate that United Learning have been through this process with many schools across the country and therefore I expect the transition to be seamless. This said, I completely understand that change can feel unsettling and therefore I will be writing regularly to outline and reinforce the changes that affect your children.

Uniform Change

Parents will have heard from their children that a new school uniform is to be introduced for September 2018. We have considered the change carefully and are proud of the new look. The school council has also been an important part of the decision-making process regarding our new uniform and I believe they have helped choose one that is both smart and modern. The school uniform is for **all** students from 1st September 2018. Having every student in our new uniform is important because we are a community where every person is treated equally and the uniform enables us to be consistent with this.

The new uniform will look as follows:

Boys

School blazer (Price & Buckland)
White long sleeve shirt
School tie (Price & Buckland)
Dark grey/charcoal school trousers
Black socks
Black formal/laced 100% leather/leather-look school shoes
Navy blue crested jumper (optional) (Price & Buckland)

Girls

School blazer (Price & Buckland)
White long/short sleeve blouse (not shirt) with square collar
Pleated Bedford check skirt (Price & Buckland) OR dark grey/charcoal school trousers (Penelope Ann)
Black tights/knee length socks
Black formal/laced 100% leather/leather-look shoes
Navy Blue jumper (optional) (Price & Buckland)

Full details of our policy plus images of acceptable shoes can be found on our website: <http://kingrichardschool.net/uniform/>

As we understand that purchasing uniform is costly for families, **the school will purchase a new blazer and tie for all boys and a new blazer and skirt for all girls, meaning these first items will be free to your child for a September start** (only for current Year 7 – Year 10 students, Y6 parents must purchase the full uniform as part of transition). Any additional uniform will need to be purchased by you.

The supplier of the blazer, skirt and tie is *Price and Buckland* and these items **can only be purchased through them**. The boys' school trousers can be obtained from any local supplier, but the girls' trousers **can only be**

purchased through Penelope Ann (Tangier Road). Price and Buckland and Penelope Ann will be in school on the 19th of June to measure our students and each child will be sent home with an order form containing details about the sizes of their uniform. This is for your information should you wish to order additional items (i.e. extra blazer/tie/skirt).

The order form will also contain information about the new PE kit which can be purchased from Price & Buckland. All Year 6 into Year 7 students must purchase the new PE kit, however current students may continue wearing their black and red kit until your son or daughter has outgrown it.

The uniform items purchased by the school will be available for collection on Tuesday – Friday, 28-31 August between 9:00-14:00. All students are expected to be in the correct uniform for the first day of school, Tuesday, 4th September.

School Day

As outlined in Mr Antell's March 2018 letter, we have been consulting on a change to the timing of the school day. I can now confirm that the school day from 1st September 2018 will be from 8:30 am – 3:15 pm. Further details regarding the structure of the day can be found on our website: <http://kingrichardschool.net/school-day/>

Heads of Year

Supporting your children throughout their five-year journey at school is important and best achieved through a year group system. We have a great deal of caring and ambitious teachers at our school and I am pleased to inform parents that we have promoted five incredible members of staff who will act as Heads of Year from September. Detailed below are the new Heads of Year who will be introducing themselves in the coming weeks.

Year 7 : Mrs Liz Nutland

Year 8 : Miss Naila Choudhury

Year 9 : Miss Emily Halls

Year 10: Miss Misha Bedassie

Year 11: Miss Clare Sitch

Meet the Principal

I will be holding a welcome event for parents/carers on Tuesday, 19th June from 6:00pm – 7:00pm in the main hall. Please come along and hear of the plans for the school in the coming academic year, meet the senior team and let us answer any of your questions, face to face.

Finally, we are holding our performance for *Bugsy Malone* on Wednesday and Thursday, 27-28th June. The students have worked extremely hard in preparation for this production and I would encourage as many parents, carers, fellow students, grandparents and friends of the school to join us in celebrating their wonderful performances. Tickets can be purchased from the school at £5 per ticket.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and my first weeks in post as Principal. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the content of this letter.

Yours Sincerely



Christian Down
Principal