

Dear Parents and Students,

Whilst I am sure that at this point we are all looking forward to the summer holidays and September seems far distant, I thought it might be useful to write with a few reminders regarding equipment and uniform required for school.

Uniform

Standards of uniform around the school continue to improve but the main area for further improvement remains the length of girls' skirts and I am aware that some parents had difficulties in sourcing appropriate length skirts for taller girls. Both Stevensons and Beat School Uniforms stock skirts in lengths 18", 20" and 22". Stevensons have told me that they do not sell many of the latter and there may consequently be only a few on the rails. However, they are available if parents ask for them. They are also able to order longer skirts should it be necessary. The longer lengths are also available to order on the Beat School Uniforms website. May I please remind parents and students that skirts must be no more than 5cm above the knee. It was certainly the case this year that some girls who began the year with skirts which were only just long enough had to get new ones because they had grown out of them – there is no problem with skirts being longer than the minimum required length. I would of course also emphasise that there is no need to buy key items such as skirts, trousers and shirts from either Stevensons or Beat School Uniforms and we are very aware that items are often available from other retailers at a lower price. We would ask only that you check that all items comply with the school uniform requirements.

Equipment

May I remind you of the equipment list as follows:

Essential

- An inkpen, rollerball pen or good quality ballpoint pen
- Basic ballpoint pens in black, blue, red and green
- HB pencil (at least 2)
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener which collects shavings
- Ruler
- Coloured pencils (12)
- Soft drawing pencils (2B, 4B, 6B)
- Calculator
- Protractor and compass

Optional:

- A correction pen (NB: bottles of correction fluid are not permitted)
- A gluestick (NB: bottles of liquid glue are not permitted)
- A rough notebook (though this should not be used instead of the school planner)
- Headphones Any kind – cheapest available is fine. These can be used in Music lessons.

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We have a small stock of key items (pens/pencils/rulers) available for purchase in the Student Support Base should a student need to replace an item urgently.

Thank you for your support and I wish you a relaxing summer break.

Yours sincerely

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