

18th July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our pledge to provide 360° of care, support and challenge for our students and in support of our school ethos: Aim High, Work Hard, Be Kind, we value our student's commitment to the whole school community. Part of representing our school is reflected in an individual's appearance which is why we have uniform which gives identity to our learners.

With the end of the academic year upon us I am sure many of you will be purchasing new uniform for your child over the summer. Uniform standards can have a tendency to drift for a small minority of students at the end of any academic year so to ensure your child returns in September in uniform which meets Marriotts' high expectations; I have included some reminders to avoid confusion when making new purchases:

Girls Uniform:

- **Marriotts blazer and tie** supplied by Sportswear International and available to purchase from www.swischoolwear.co.uk
- **Marriotts school jumper** (compulsory for students in years 7 & 8, optional for students in years 9-11) also supplied by Sportswear International and available to purchase from www.swischoolwear.co.uk
- **Black trousers** (leggings, slim fitting trousers and jeans/denim trousers or trousers which have back pockets in the style of jeans are not permitted)
- **Black knee length, cotton/polyester skirt** (no stretch or jersey material as these tend to rise above the knee or need to be frequently readjusted to knee length)
- **White, collared shirt or blouse.** The top button must be fastened and shirts and blouses must be tucked in at all times.
- **Black, flat shoes** with an upper that fully encloses the foot including the heel – no flip flops or mules. Shoes should not have visible detailing or branding which would be deemed inappropriate for school wear.

Boys Uniform:

- **Marriotts blazer and tie** supplied by Sportswear International and available to purchase from www.swischoolwear.co.uk
- **Marriotts school jumper** (compulsory for students in years 7 & 8, optional for students in years 9-11) also supplied by Sportswear International and available to purchase from www.swischoolwear.co.uk
- **Black trousers** (tracksuit or jogging bottoms/jeans/denim trousers or trousers which have back pockets in the style of jeans are not permitted)
- **White, collared shirt.** The top button must be fastened and shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- **Black, flat shoes.** Shoes should not have visible detailing or branding which would be deemed inappropriate for school wear **PE Uniform (Girls & Boys).**



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In Partnership with:



Marriotts students are required to have their PE kit with them in school for all sports / PE lessons.

- **Marriotts Black polo shirt** supplied by Sportswear International and available to purchase from www.swischoolwear.co.uk
- **Marriotts Black sweatshirt** supplied by Sportswear International and available to purchase from www.swischoolwear.co.uk
- **Marriotts Black shorts** supplied by Sportswear International and available to purchase from www.swischoolwear.co.uk
- Training shoes
- Plain black football socks
- Football boots
- Gum shield

Specifically in relation to footwear, please be aware that Dr. Martens, boots, training shoes, trainers (branded or unbranded) and plimsolls, including Vans and Converse, are not appropriate footwear for school use. Smart Kickers are acceptable; however such items are costly so I would advise that you check their suitability before making such purchases to ensure they are compliant with our strict uniform policy.

On rare occasions students may arrive to school with a note from parents regarding a uniform issue. We have previously issued a 'blue uniform pass', which is authorised by the student's year leader. A review of this system has suggested this is not an effective method of ensuring every student feels part of the Marriotts' community. We will therefore cease to issue uniform passes from September. Any student who arrives to school with an incorrect item of uniform will be sent home to change. Please refer to page 7 of the Department for Education guidance on School Uniform available to view online at:

www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/514978/School_Uniform_Guidance.pdf

You may send your child into school with a note and this will be reviewed by the Head of Conduct on an individual basis to determine next steps. Please be aware this could result in a student completing their work outside of the whole school community until the issue has been resolved. We will continue to support you in any way we can so please contact your child's year leader in the first instance if there are circumstances which you deem to be exceptional.

In addition to uniform expectations, could I take this opportunity to remind all students of the following:

- Jewellery must be limited in school due to health and safety purposes. A watch or an item of jewellery which helps first aiders identify any medical needs are permitted but please ensure that the school is informed to ensure that our records are up to date
- Facial piercings (lip, eyebrows, nose and any area of the ear except for one piercing in the lobe for small, plain stud earrings) are not permitted in school. Covering piercings with a plaster or dressing is not acceptable.
- Hair colouring must be natural (dyed colours in hair, even in small sections are not permitted).

- Visible make up is not permitted in school and students will be asked to remove it. This includes nail varnish and nail extensions.

Marriotts' staff reserves the right to make their own judgement on an individual piece of uniform and its suitability for school use. If there is any confusion with uniform items, I am more than happy to receive queries or photographs via email over the summer which I can advise on; I have included my contact information at the bottom of this email.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Marriotts School and I wish you a restful summer holiday.

Kind regards,



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