



# Tadcaster Grammar School

*'A Culture of Excellence'*

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Dear Parents

## **A New School Uniform for Tadcaster Grammar School, beginning in September 2019**

I am excited to be able to inform you about a change to our school uniform. After significant consultation and detailed research by our student community, most notably our Equality and Diversity Group, we are updating our uniform, so that it will become gender neutral. This means students, both female and male, will be issued with a list of compulsory and non-compulsory uniform items to wear.

The new uniform will be compulsory for our in-coming Year 7 only. Years 8 to 11 can choose to wear the new uniform from September 2019. As a school we thought long and hard about the introduction of the new uniform. The decision was made to make this change non-compulsory for Years 8 to 11, to reflect our understanding that the purchase of school uniform is very costly for families. However if your child would like to start wearing the new uniform in September 2019 they can do. Our only stipulation is that students in Years 8 to 11 must wear either the new uniform or the old one. There cannot be a mixture of the two uniforms.

Chalks School Shop will continue to be our sole supplier and have liaised with us to provide the most competitive price. They will be providing a new price list for March 1st. In the meantime we have included photographs of the new uniform, as you will notice we have reflected our school heritage by adopting the school colours of blue and silver. Students will wear a blue blazer and a grey skirt or trousers. Our school ties will remain the same. There will be no changes to the PE uniform. If you have any queries about the new school uniform please do not hesitate to contact the school, we will be happy to help. The school's Uniform and Appearance Statement is available on the school website alongside uniform lists and images of our new uniform for you to view <https://web.tgsch.uk/parents/uniform/>

In conclusion I would like to thank parents for their support of our school uniform, but would like to take this opportunity to ask you for your support with particular issues. Please can parents ensure the following:

- Students are wearing school shoes and not black trainers - guidance can be found on the school website about appropriate footwear
- Students' skirts are of a modest length - just above the knee
- Students only wear one pair of earrings in their ear lobe/no facial piercings

Please be reassured that staff check school uniform on a daily basis.

As always we thank you for and appreciate your support of our school community.

Yours sincerely

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