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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Uniform Expectations

I am writing to provide clarification around uniform expectations as I am aware many of you will be in the process of arranging uniform for September. The full uniform code for 2024/25 can be found on our website under the parent section: <u>Uniform & Equipment - Trafalgar School - Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow</u>

All our students are expected to wear their full, correct uniform daily which includes a blazer and House colour tie. The only exception to this is on scheduled non uniform days and in extreme heat, when parents will always be notified in advance.

We have high expectations regarding uniform as it helps to promote the sense of community and belonging. It also supports our commitment to inclusion and allows children to focus on their learning without unnecessary distraction.

Children can face unfair pressure, particularly from social media, to grow up too quickly or to look a particular way. We therefore work hard to ensure school is a safe place, where students can become comfortable and confident being themselves; this is one of the reasons we have clear expectations around wearing make up to school.

Makeup

Makeup is not permitted in Year 7, 8 and 9 and should be discreet in upper school (please note: false lashes are not considered discreet). Nails should be an appropriate length and if you allow your child to wear nail polish, this should be neutral in colour and appearance.

We are increasingly aware that some makeup and skin care products contain ingredients which are potentially harmful to young children's skin and would therefore advise you to check these carefully.

Jewellery

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear fashion jewellery. The exceptions to this are a watch and stud earrings in pierced ears / nose.

Students will often be asked to remove permitted jewellery items during PE and therefore, they wear these items to school at their own risk.

Additional information

Where students have a medical condition, we will work with medical professionals however, under no circumstances will desirable branded trainers e.g. Nike, Addidas, Puma be permitted in school, unless being worn for PE.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are genuine reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, we will consider such requests sympathetically.

We have a large stock of high-quality, spare uniform so if students are missing items, they will be allowed to borrow uniform or sent home to change if you would prefer. Where students are unable to meet uniform expectations, they







may be kept out of their normal lessons therefore, we urge parents to contact the school with details of any exceptional circumstances to allow us to put in place the appropriate support.

Our current uniform suppliers are:

<u>Schoolwear | Hargreaves Promotions</u> (stock all uniform except branded shorts)

Skoolkit (stock school shorts only)

If you have any uniform items you are considering replacing, still in a reasonable condition, please consider donating them to our preloved stock! This can be done either through our main school reception or student services and will be offered to families who do not wish to purchase items brand new.

Thank you for your continued support as we approach our final few weeks of the academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss G Pearse Head of School