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Dear Parents and Carers,

Amendments to Year 11 Girls' School Uniform

As your daughter approaches the final year of Key Stage 4 she will be allowed to wear a black skirt and black tights in Year 11, instead of grey ones like Years 7-10. This is in keeping with School tradition where the privilege of wearing a different colour reflects Year 11's seniority as the oldest students in the main body of the School.

From September 2017 however, *only black skirts bearing the school crest will be permitted for Year 11 girls*. This follows the phasing-in of the new-style crested skirt which we introduced for lower years last September. Feedback about this change has been unanimously positive in terms of the quality, smartness and cost of the new-style skirts. The new black skirts with the School badge can be purchased from two stockists now: Marks and Spencer and Alcester NCS.

Furthermore, the new black skirt will reduce the variations in style, quality and appearance of many skirts currently worn by Year 11 girls. This change should make it easier for everyone – students, teachers and parents – to adhere to and support the dress code. Overall, we believe the new black skirt will ensure greater consistency, make our students look even smarter and, reflect the high standards of dress we set for all at St Benedict's.

I attach a copy of the new dress code for Year 11 in September for you to look at. If you require any other information about the changes and their introduction please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely,

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