

8 March 2011

Dear Parent/ Carer

### **College Uniform**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Governing Body regarding the agreed uniform changes following our consultation with pupils, parents and staff in the summer term of 2010.

The majority of our pupils wear their uniform well and in a smart and appropriate manner, however, there is still a need to secure a greater consistency amongst all pupils across the college; hence the agreed changes.

There will be some cost implications for parents and for this reason we are providing you with sufficient notice. In the case of all the items listed we have detailed when they will become available and when they are to be made compulsory. As with the 'Charleston' skirt for girls, which is essential as of September 2011, all items will be phased in for a year before they are compulsory for all to wear. However, where pupils need to replace an item of clothing there will be the expectation that the replacement will meet the new requirements.

#### **Agreed uniform changes:**

##### **The college polo shirt**

A royal blue polo shirt with the new Swanmore logo can be worn in the summer term (as of April 2011) as an alternative to the shirt and tie. This is available for both boys and girls from Skoolkit. This shirt does not need to be tucked in.

##### **The college Charleston skirt (Girls only)**

Drop pleat skirt (see picture) in grey. This should be no more than 3 inches above the knee. We have phased this style requirement in so that by September 2011 ALL girls wearing a skirt will be expected to wear this design. Alternatively girls can wear grey trousers such as the Banner version available from Skoolkit. Trousers should not be tight, fashion trousers with attached belts or exposed buttons and zips and that rule already applies.

##### **The college blazer**

The Swanmore embroidered logo found on the blazer pocket has now changed from the white swan to a royal blue coloured 'S' with 'Swanmore College' detailed below in white. This is available for September 2011 and compulsory for all pupils as of September 2012.

##### **The college tie (for boys and girls)**

The college tie will no longer have the swan logo and will be a plain blue tie for all years. This will be available for September 2011 and compulsory for all pupils as of September 2012.

**The college PE Kit**

The PE kit will consist of a black and blue top (with the new college logo), black shorts, royal blue socks and a blue and white rugby shirt. This is to be worn by both boys and girls and can be bought from Skoolkit. This is available for September 2011 and compulsory for all pupils as of September 2012.

Finally all pupils have been informed of these changes and about the importance of wearing their uniform with pride. To date we have received an overwhelming positive response to the proposed changes, particularly from parents. As always, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and encourage you to contact the college should you require any further clarification.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Baldwin', with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

Tracy Baldwin  
Chair of Governors