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# **Uniform and Equipment Information for students starting September 2024**

### An introduction from Mr Lester.....

Welcome to the Folkestone School for Girls!

We go to great lengths to keep our uniform and kit-list costs competitive whilst balancing this with the need to ensure the girls have the equipment they need to access a broad curriculum – full of rich opportunities and memorable experiences!

Most items are generic and therefore could be sourced from many suppliers; most supermarkets for example stock school uniform these days. Unlike many schools we simply don't see the value of everything requiring the FSG logo or school colours! Nor do we require a different jumper for Year 9 compared to 8, a different kilt for the senior school, house colours, etc! We do all we can to keep uniform costs down to make our school an inclusive school in this regard. There are just a few exceptions.

A typically sized Year 7 will need to buy these items, which come in at under £80:

A blazer - £28.00 A kilt - £28.45 (although smart navy trousers can also be worn, and can be bought from any retailer) Sports Polo - £10.95 Skort - £12.50

They will also need, although not necessarily from us:

## White blouse

Navy Pullover or Slipover – we say these are optional, but in practice most students do want one Navy sweatshirt for PE, no zip for safety reasons, can be hooded or round neck Black socks or tights
Plain black school shoes in a sensible style

Trainers for inside/outside use

White socks for exercise.

Black leggings (most students wear these, they should be suitable for dance and sports), or navy jogging bottoms

In addition to this, equipment wise we ask parents to supply girls with a scientific calculator and geometry set for Mathematics.

If you are having financial difficulties, we would urge you to contact the Director of Pastoral Care Mrs Parsons (nparsons@folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk), as soon as possible.

#### **Uniform Information**

An up to date list of our uniform is on our website here:

https://www.folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk/parents-and-students/school-uniform-and-sixth-form-dress-code/

It can be purchased from Price and Buckland, who have provided our PE kit for many years. The link to Price and Buckland's Folkestone School for Girls shop is here:

#### https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/folkestone

Price and Buckland recommend that all orders should be placed by the 1<sup>st</sup> August. That way if there are any returns to be made it can be done in good time before September. We would echo their recommendation – please do not leave buying uniform to the last minute!

Sadly, Channel Uniforms have decided they will no longer stock our uniform.

If you are interested in secondhand uniform, please contact Mrs Schermuly, your child's Student Development Leader – tschermuly@folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk.

#### **Mathematics Equipment**

The preferred models of calculator are:

Casio fx-83GT CW Black Casio fx-85GT CW Black

These models have all the functionality required to take your child to GCSE level.

Other models are allowed by the exam boards, but not encouraged for their learning until A-level Maths, as we do not use these for teaching and therefore a student with them will be at a disadvantage.

In addition to this you will need to provide your child with a geometry set – these are widely available, and should contain a protractor, a set of compasses and be in a container for safety.

## **General Stationery**

All students are expected to have, at a minimum, the following for every lesson:

A pen A pencil A ruler An eraser