

21 May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Introduction of House Ties: September 2026

Last year we undertook a full review of the school uniform and PE kit to reduce the cost and complexity of our uniform in response to stakeholder voice and [DfE guidance](#) about school uniform that commences this September.

Once the review was complete, we [communicated](#) changes ready for September 2025 and updated the website to make uniform expectations easier to navigate with some suggested suppliers. We also promised that we would not make any other changes to the uniform again this year with one exception: **House Ties**.

House identity and culture is central to the school's ethos and, as explained last year, we intend to change to a new tie which is striped with the House colour and contains the school logo. The purpose is to strengthen students' connection with their House through their uniform, alongside continually developing a sense of House identity and competition through a range of activities throughout the year.

All students in Years 7-10 will be expected to wear a new House tie as a compulsory part of their school uniform from September 2026. However, we have made this an optional choice for students who will be entering Year 11, to avoid the necessity of buying a new tie for a single school year.

Our new Year 7 students will join Müller House, as is traditional, to aid their transition. However, Year 7 students will also be assigned to their Main School 'parent' Houses from September 2026. We will inform families which 'parent' House their children will belong to before the end of the 2025-26 academic year, so that they can purchase the correct House tie. This will then be their tie for the entire journey from year 7 to 11.

Our new House ties are currently being manufactured and, when available, will be less expensive than the current ties, reducing the cost from £11.50 to £10.00.

We expect Monkhouse to have the new ties in stock by early July and wanted to let you know with good time that the new House ties will need to be ordered and purchased before September.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Morgan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Morgan

Deputy Headteacher for Pastoral, Inclusion and Ethos