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Dear Parents/Guardians

Change of School Uniform

You will be aware that we have just completed a consultation process on whether or not to change our school uniform, and I am writing to inform you of the outcome of that consultation and the rationale behind the decision. We consulted with all stakeholders of the school; students, parents, staff and governors and I thank everyone for their input into this very important decision.

Since introducing the new prefect uniform in September, 2016, we have been asked by numerous students and parents why we do not have a blazer as part of our whole school uniform. These comments prompted a full consultation. The results of the survey indicated that the introduction of a blazer, shirt and tie would be an appropriate uniform for all of the students at Aylestone Business and Enterprise College. There was a strong feeling that introducing this uniform would have a positive impact on the students and, as a result, the whole school community.

We have, therefore, decided to replace the existing polo shirt and sweatshirt with a shirt, tie and blazer from **September 2017 for all new Year 7 students** and from **September 2018 for other year groups**. Students in other year groups are welcome to wear the new uniform before September 2018, but to allow time to purchase new uniform there will be a year's change over period.

The blazer and tie will still be ordered through our current supplier, The School Uniform Shop, and the shirts, trousers and skirts can be purchased from any stockist. There will also be the option to purchase a v neck jumper, which can be worn under the blazer, but this is **not a replacement for the blazer which will be compulsory**. The optional jumper can also be purchased from The School Uniform Shop.

Coloured pin badges will be given to the students to signify a student's house. These are to be worn on the left lapel of the blazer. Replacements will be available to purchase through the school for a small cost.



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This also serves as an opportune time to reinforce our expectations of current uniform and elements of it which will remain the same. We have noticed that there is a great variety of trousers and skirts that our students are wearing. At this stage, we have decided against introducing standard skirts and trousers, but ask for your support in ensuring they meet with our expectations outlined in the table below, along with the other elements. Please take the time to read through the table and ensure your child's uniform meets the requirements. Over the coming weeks I will be asking form tutors to be regularly checking uniform and contacting parents where this is not the case.

Item	Uniform Expectation
Trousers	Smart, tailored, plain black trousers (non-lycra) of waist height and ankle length. No jeans, denims, chinos, cords, combats, hipsters, skinny fit, recent fashion trend or other casual trouser. No trousers with accessories including leg pockets, zips etc.
Skirts	Smart, plain black skirt. Skirts must be non-lycra or other stretchy material, tailored and knee length. No skirts with accessories including zips etc.
Shoes	Flat traditional, polished and polishable, black shoes only, no boots. On health and safety grounds the sole must not be thicker than 1.5 cm or heels higher than 3cm and trousers must not conceal the shoes or sweep the floor. If lightweight shoes are worn in the summer term they must have an enclosed toe and heel, ie: no "sling backs" or "peep toes". Training shoes are not allowed.
Socks/tights	For girls – White socks, Black or flesh coloured tights For boys – Grey or Black socks– not White
Jewellery	No piercings other than one small stud in each ear are permitted under any circumstances. These should be removed for PE lessons. Should students choose to have any other piercing done, they will not be able to wear it in school, and should expect to be required to remove it, at which point it will be confiscated and will await parent collection. The only other jewellery allowed is a watch.
Make up	Make up that is obvious is not acceptable, students not complying with this regulation will be required to remove obtrusive make-up immediately.
Coats	In cold weather we would expect students to wear a muted coloured coat (dark Blue, Brown, dark Grey or Black). Denim/suede/leather jackets are not allowed. Hooded tops should not be worn in school or on the way to or from school.

I attach a copy of our updated uniform list. There will be no change to our PE kit.

The School Uniform Shop will be reducing the price of the polo shirts and sweat shirts to half price from this week.



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I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support with the change of uniform. It is important that all elements of our school uniform are worn correctly to ensure that the high standards we all hold are reflected in the student's appearance. I thank you for your support in helping us uphold these high expectations.

If you have any queries or concerns would you please direct these to Mr Nick Moores who has been overseeing the consultation and changes.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Robertson