



April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, our uniform policy provides students the opportunity to wear a polo shirt in the summer term, which many students take advantage of.

I am writing to give you notice that, from September 2024, **polo shirts will become part of the uniform all year round and replace the current shirt and tie.** There are numerous reasons for this change, the main one being the significant cost of the current uniform for our families.

In addition, blazers will not be part of the uniform from September, so please do not purchase a new one.

If your child does not currently have a summer polo shirt and finances prevent purchasing one before September, please contact us in advance and we may allow them to continue wearing the correct coloured jumper, shirt and tie.

By removing the shirt, tie and blazer from our uniform requirements, this will create a saving of approximately £46 per outfit. If a new polo shirt is needed, the saving will still be £35-37 per child. These savings are not taking into account any replacements needed during the five-year period, which would be even more significant.

Our current jumpers will be replaced by round neck sweatshirts over time, but it is not necessary to purchase these until the old one is no longer fit for purpose or too small.

The new uniform requirements will therefore be:

- Polo shirt in the correct year group colour with the BBEC logo.
- The correct school sweatshirt bearing the school logo. No non-BBEC jumpers or hoodies are allowed at any time.
- Full length, tailored black trousers (no logo required). Leggings/joggers/jeggings/denim/cropped trousers are not acceptable.
- Grey or black plain socks.
- Plain all black leather shoes (no fabric sections anywhere on the shoe). No different coloured soles. Staff decision on what is appropriate is final.
- Scarves or headbands, when worn, must be black or white.

The uniform polo shirt and sweatshirt colours for September 2024 will be:

Year 7 - Navy Blue
Year 8 - Green
Year 9 - Grey
Year 10 - Purple
Year 11 - Black

All of these can be purchased from Embroidery In House, Natasha's and the Uniform Shop.

All students will still be expected to borrow correct uniform in the morning if they arrive incorrectly dressed.

The PE uniform will remain the same:

- A black school polo shirt with the school logo.
- Black school PE trousers or shorts, with the school logo.
- School PE hoodie (optional)
- Trainers (football boots are optional when using the grass or Astro turf)

Our stance on false/acrylic nails, extreme hairstyles and jewellery will remain the same.

I am hopeful that these changes will be well-received from a financial perspective, but if you have any questions or concerns regarding the new uniform expectations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Taylor
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