



Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

23rd April 2021

As we return to full face to face teaching and learning at the start of the Summer Term, I wish to impress upon the whole school body the importance of each and every student adhering to our School Uniform Code. As a school, our smart and distinctive uniform sets us apart in the community and is one we have always taken great pride in.

The last two weeks have been a discretionary period of readjustment for parents/carers who may have needed to purchase basic items of uniform upon the reopening of non-essential retail.

Now, as a timely reminder and to clarify expectations, I quote from the School Uniform Code:

The school uniform code is clearly stated within the school prospectus and website. The details below comprise the compulsory uniform requirement. Students must not wear excessive jewellery or make-up and must **not** display visible facial piercings or any tattoos.

Extreme hairstyles/colours are not permitted.

- Blazer – Grey with blue trim and logo – **presently compulsory in Years 7 and 8**
- School tie
- Long/short sleeved blue blouse/shirt
- Black skirt (pleated/straight) **worn at an appropriate length**
- Black formal trousers – worn below the ankle
- Tailored black shorts – **summer term only, timing at the Head's discretion.**

NO STRETCH FABRIC, DENIM, DRAINPIPE, LEGGINGS OR COMBATS STYLE TROUSERS

- Black knee high socks/black tights
- Black leather/leather look shoes only (flat/low-heeled; no trainers, Vans, Converse, sandals, boots/Dr. Martens etc.)
- **Optional** – V neck jumper, grey with blue trim and logo

COLOURED/BRANDED HOODIES AND DENIM JACKETS (OF ANY SHADE) ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN

Specialist items – Blazer/tie/optional jumper/P.E. kit should be purchased online via the school website from our supplier, this is to guarantee quality and consistency.

TSS Print and Embroidery - TSS Sport of Caerphilly



Please note:

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 are permitted to still wear our outgoing uniform:

Blue polo shirt (with logo) and black jumper/school hoodie for **one last school term**.

Following our two year transition period (September 2019 – August 2021) these items will then cease to form part of our school uniform.

Therefore, from September 2021, all students will be wearing the new uniform (with the Blazer being an optional item for Year 11 in 2021/22 only – otherwise compulsory for Years 7-10)

During the Covid 19 Pandemic, in line with Welsh Government, Public Health Wales and L.A. guidance, ALL STUDENTS are to wear facial masks/coverings in all classrooms and communal areas of the school.

Exceptions to the uniform policy, made on specific grounds, are permitted at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team.

Please inform Heads of Year if there are any specific difficulties or issues regarding our uniform.

Our whole school expectations for all students are simple and effective:

'Ready, Respectful and Safe'

The wearing of correct uniform by all students (including those in Year 11 who are undertaking important assessments in the weeks ahead) forms part of our unwritten 'contract of understanding' between home and school; our uniform also reinforces the sense of belonging, in all our students, to the 'Cyfarthfa Family'.

We are currently in the process of organising a visit from our supplier in July so that parents/carers and students can attend a 'uniform shop' (adhering to Covid guidelines) to view and purchase the new items of compulsory uniform for this September – details and date to follow, once finalised.

Finally, thank you for your full cooperation and support in this important matter; please do not hesitate to contact the school should you need further clarification on any of the above.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. R. Francis - Headteacher