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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Uniform Consultation & Proposals

You will probably be aware that during recent months we have been reviewing our school uniform. The purpose of the review was to ensure that we have a uniform that is fit for purpose, affordable, durable and does not compromise the dignity of our students.

In December 2017, we held an online survey for parents. Responses from this survey showed that 74.8% of parents agreed that school uniform should represent a noticeable transition to adulthood and professional dress. In addition, 80.71% of parents who responded agreed that girls skirts are often worn too short, which compromises their personal dignity.

Following on from the above survey we held a parental and student consultation meeting on 12 June to present our proposals, this was followed by a further survey which enabled our community to vote on their preferred option. We realise that we cannot grant everyone's wishes, so we have had to make decisions based on the following reasoning:

65.76% preferred the black pleated skirt with the logo at hip level.	These will have adjustable waists, making it easier for a tall slim girl to buy a skirt of appropriate length. These can be sourced at a cheaper cost to our current skirts.
66.95% voted for a new style fitted royal blue badged blazer for Yrs 7 to 10.	It is cheaper to buy one blazer than two sweatshirts. These blazers are the same cost as our current blazers but are harder wearing and a smarter more modern fit. Blazers are smarter and brings us in line with other Bolton high schools. Students like the pocket facility for bus passes/cash/pens etc. These new style blazers have better quality pockets.
67.42% voted for optional royal blue V necked jumpers for Yrs 7 to 10.	In reality, few students actually choose to wear these. We encourage parents to avoid spending money for a jumper unless they are sure their child will wear it. We want to avoid unnecessary costs.
73.74% voted for V necked badged jumper for Yr 11 in a different colour to Yrs 7 to 10.	This allows privileges for Yr 11 and also demonstrates a transition to current 'office professional dress codes'.
Yrs 7 to 11 white shirt	





There are no proposed changes to:

- Boys trousers – (plain black, not skinny style)
- Optional black trousers for girls (plain black, not skinny style)
- Socks – black ankle or knee length
- Shoes – plain black sensible (no trainers or boots)

Outcomes of the survey went to the Governing Body's Summer term meeting for their consideration. I am pleased to inform you that Governors approved all of the above options, along with a refreshed school badge using silver and blue.

The new uniform will come into effect for all our students from September 2019. However, in order to try to minimise financial burden on parents whose son or daughter will be going into Year 9 in September 2018 and remove the necessity of purchasing a sweatshirt for one year, Governors have agreed that there will be a transition year for these students, in that they will be allowed to wear their existing blue blazers, if they choose not to buy a blue sweatshirt for Yr 9.

Images for the new blazer, jumper and skirt are shown below.



Please note that our uniform suppliers now stock our new PE uniform. This is cheaper than our old uniform and is compulsory for all Yr 7. Socks and leggings/shorts or training bottoms and training top are required. There are other items that are optional. When their old PE uniform needs replacing, we are encouraging older students to replace it with the new style, which is manufactured from more appropriate fabrics for sport. We also ask parents to check that their daughter's skorts preserves the child's dignity.

Many thanks for all your input and continued help and support as we strive to build our school community to be the very best it can by instilling in our young people a sense of belonging, dignity and pride in not only themselves but our St Joseph's family.

Yours sincerely

Mr T McCabe
Headteacher