

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re. Academy Blazers September 2019

As I hope you're aware we have been consulting on the introduction of an Academy blazer as part of our uniform for September 2019. Broadly the consultation has been positive from students and parents including the Parent Forum of the Academy. The blazer will enable us to award lapel badges to students in recognition of contributions to Academy life, be that academic, sporting, arts based, cultural etc. Badges don't work well with shirts.

From September 2019 the blazer will be compulsory for the new year 7 and students who will be in Year 9, the current Year 8 students. We have made this decision for the current Year 8 as parents would be considering the purchase of a new black jumper for Year 9 to replace their purple jumper. Rather than buying a black jumper you will be buying a blazer instead. The blazer will be a compulsory item of Academy uniform; the jumper will remain as an optional extra for students who want to wear one under their blazer.

To facilitate this, Price & Buckland, our uniform supplier, is coming into the Academy on the morning of Wednesday 27 March. They are bringing blazers for students in Year 8 to try on for size. They will then make a recommendation on which size to buy, factoring in students growing between now and September, and write this on a slip for students to take home and give to parents; the slip will also indicate the prices of the blazers. Parents can then buy the blazer through the Price and Buckland website as they do now for other items of uniform. Blazers that do not fit as expected can be exchanged in the normal way, as for other items of uniform. Parents will also have the option of buying a separate Kingswood badge to sew onto a plain black blazer should they wish to source a blazer themselves.

Presently the price of the blazers with embroidered Academy badge is:

- £26.50 for blazers up to a 36 inch chest
- £32.00 for blazers with a 38 inch chest and over
- The separate sew on badge is currently £8.50.

The blazer will, over the next couple of years, be rolled out as compulsory to all year groups.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Burton
Principal