



12th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

UNIFORM CONSULTATION

As you will be aware, this year we have made substantial changes to our school curriculum with the launch of LLMAC - Local Labour Market Aligned Curriculum and the Cumbrian Award, both of which have got off to a flying start with the Year 9s doing some fantastic work with Iggesund before half term, and with Story between now and Christmas.

This follows our summer 2018 GCSE results which were excellent and show the school to be on a three year upward trajectory in terms of student outcomes.

We are delighted with the progress the school and our students are making, and we are now looking to raise the bar of expectations and aspirations still further and are proposing a consultation on changing the school uniform.

We believe our uniform should instil a sense of identity, pride and belonging, and we want our students to treat coming to school with respect and enthusiasm. School uniform supports effective teaching and learning and engenders a positive, calm and respectful school environment.

As a staff we have discussed changing to a smarter and more business like school uniform and we have decided to consult with students and parents to request your views. Our governing body will then consider feedback and decide whether to make changes.

Photos of the proposed uniform can be found on the school website, and samples of items will be on show in the school reception area from Monday 12th - Friday 16th November.

We are suggesting that we change from polo shirts and jumpers to blazers, shirts and ties and black trousers (slim fit for girls, classic or slim fit for boys). Existing expectations that black shoes will be worn will remain the same. Blazers with school logo embroidered on the breast pocket would cost approximately £27, and could be black or navy blue. Trousers from an agreed stockist would range from £13 - £17. White shirts are available from many supermarkets. At the moment, the tie we have in the photos is navy and silver, but we are interested in hearing any suggestions you may have on this; these cost approximately £4.00. Students following the LLMAC curriculum on Fridays will be provided with overalls and appropriate PPE (this is current Year 9 only at the moment).

Should we decide to change uniform, the proposed introduction would be from September 2019.

Please let us know your views by returning the attached form to school by Friday 30th November.

Thank you in advance for your time in responding and your continued support in ensuring high standards of uniform are maintained.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Schafer'.

Judith Schafer

Executive Headteacher

Beacon Hill Community School

Uniform consultation

Which year group is your child currently in:

Please circle your preferred options below:

I would prefer the current uniform of polo shirts and jumpers to stay the same

I would prefer to move to blazers, shirts and ties

The proposed timeline for introduction of September 2019 is reasonable

I would prefer the new uniform to be introduced in the current academic year

Please add any comments below: