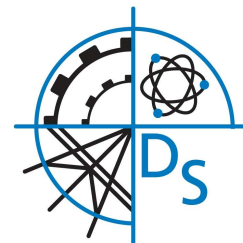


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Dear Parent/Carer

New Denefield School Uniform

I continue to be very impressed with the smart appearance of our students in the new Denefield School uniform, particularly our Year 7 intake who were all wearing it from the start of term. It has also been really pleasing that so many of our older students in Years 8 to 11 have decided to change over to the new uniform in this first term; I am very grateful for the overwhelming support from so many parents of our ambition to have a uniform for our students which is comfortable, smart and practical. Currently over 90% of the main student body are wearing the new uniform.

As you may know, this has brought some problems in its wake: the school shop had a shortage of uniform in some sizes because of the exceptional demand and many parents had to endure lengthy queues. I was very concerned to hear that some parents' experience of the school shop was unsatisfactory and that we did not meet the high standards you should be able to expect from us. Our Finance and Business Manager has liaised with the School Shop Manager and produced a report on the issues we had with our new suppliers which contributed to this situation; the suppliers have, in return, outlined their plans to ensure that this does not happen again.

Fortunately, issues with our uniform supplies have been rectified and we now have full stocks in the school shop of polo shirts and jumpers. This means that it is no longer necessary for any student to wear the temporary, plain white polo shirts or plain black jumpers which I authorised during the restock. **On Monday 2 November, when we return to school after the half term break, students should only be wearing the full authorised version of the new uniform.** Students who were supplied with a temporary plain black jumper (with the school logo but without the electric blue stripe) by the school shop should see the shop manager as soon as possible to exchange it for the correct version. A list of the new uniform is available for reference on the school website.

Once again, my sincere thanks for your continued support of our changes at the school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Whiteford', written over a white background.

G Whiteford
Headteacher



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