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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to keep you updated about some changes I am proposing for September, mainly to the academy uniform. I am aware that cost of uniform is always extortionate, and I am always looking for the best way to balance quality and durability with cost. I have approached several uniform suppliers in the country and in collaboration with the students and staff, have decided to make some changes for September.

I have decided to no longer use Price and Buckland as our supplier and move to Nationwide Uniform. The way you purchase uniform will still be the same with delivery to either school or home, using their online service. Whilst making this change, listening to students and staff, I have also decided to introduce a school blazer from September for Year 7–11 students. The blazer will be a compulsory part of the uniform however the jumper will be optional. Students in Year 10 and 11 will be able to purchase a jumper from school (or continue with the current black jumper they have (with the grey stripe around the neck)) whilst the students in Year 7–9 will be able to purchase a plain black jumper with academy logo from the Nationwide Uniforms website. Each year group will have a tie to make them distinguishable – this tie will be the same as they transit through school, there will not be the need to purchase a new tie every year, again students moving into Year 11 in September will keep their current tie to minimise unnecessary cost. I have also decided to make a change to footwear meaning shoes must be plain black, but no longer have to be polishable; completely black trainers will be acceptable.

I am very aware that uniform is costly and with the recent pandemic, uniform may be low on your priority list. As a result, I am happy to offer financial support to any family who may require it; please [complete the form](#) for your request for support to be considered.

Yours sincerely



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**Principal**