

Dear Parents / Guardians

We at Aldridge believe that our compulsory, correctly worn uniform promotes a professional and affirmative approach to study, leads to positive behaviour and reduces distractions. Wearing our uniform makes everyone in our community respect our school ethos.

After consultation with parents, staff and pupils we have decided to make some changes to our existing school uniform from September 2013. There will be **no** changes to our existing PE uniform.

We have decided to introduce these changes to help maintain and strengthen our uniform standards, further develop pupils' sense of House and School pride along with consideration of costs and availability of uniform to parents.

Years 7-9 Boys/Girls compulsory uniform from September 2013:

- **Blazer** - Navy blue blazer with school badge on breast pocket.
- **Trousers / Skirt** – Black 'suit' style material – no jeans or jean type material. Skirts to be knee length.
- **Shirt / Blouse** - Saxe blue only (tucked into trousers).
- **Tie** - House tie – each student will be issued with a free tie reflecting House colours during the last week of term (w/c 22 July 2013).
- **Pullover** – Blue plain 'V' necked long sleeved pullover (with school badge)– no cardigans
- **Socks** – Black
- **Tights** – Plain black / tan / natural
- **Shoes** – sensible black shoes – no motif, no trainers, no canvas shoes.
- **Coat** - Sensible outdoor coat no denim / leather / hoodies.

Years 10 -11 Boys/Girls compulsory uniform from September 2013:

- **Trousers / Skirt** – Black 'suit' style material – no jeans or jean type material. Skirts to be knee length.
- **Shirt / Blouse** - Saxe blue only (tucked into trousers).
- **Tie** - House tie – each student will be issued with a free tie reflecting House colours during the last week of term (w/c 22 July 2013).
- **Pullover** – Black plain 'V' necked long sleeved pullover (with school badge)– no cardigans
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ALL YEARS:

- Our uniform is compulsory
- Our uniform has to be worn correctly at all times – this includes on the journey to and from school.
- There is to be NO make-up worn in the lower school
- There is to be NO jewellery worn / piercings – except a pair of stud earrings and a watch
- Only those hairstyles suitable for school are allowed – NO unnatural colours, NO tramlines or patterns
- Plain means; NO patterns, NO Motifs NO Fashion pockets.

All pupils are also expected to carry a plain school bag that is big enough to hold an A4 folder and a pencil case. Small handbags are not allowed in school.

As before pre-badged uniform can be purchased from Marks and Spencer's web site with all purchases made this way raising money for our School.

If any parent feels that these changes will cause unnecessary hardship please contact us for help and advice.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours faithfully

Mr S Sedgwick
Assistant Headteacher