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Uniform Reminder

Dear Parents and Carers

As we now approach the coldest months of the academic year, I would like to take a moment to remind you of our uniform policy and expectations. I know you have previously received a letter detailing uniform expectations. These are also available in full on the website at the following link [Darton Academy - Uniform](#). The point of a uniform is to promote a sense of belonging and sameness. In a school setting, this projects a smart image and allows students who cannot afford the latest attire to not feel self-conscious about it. As soon as you allow one student to modify their uniform, even if only slightly, this is undone. Whilst most of our students wear their uniform well and with pride, I wanted to repeat a few key points.

Jumpers: V-necked and plain (unless it is a Delta jumper) black jumpers are permitted to be worn under Academy blazers.

Blazers and Ties: You may also have seen that the logo on Delta blazers now has colour, and the tie has a gold stripe rather than a silver one. Years 9 - 11 will continue to wear and be able to buy the silver tie and silver logo blazer. The newer uniform will be phased in year on year and currently applies to Year 7 and Year 8 students.

Trousers: As the winter months draw in, many students are opting for trousers instead of skirts. Trousers must not be tight around the legs or skinny fit. Students wearing trousers should have black socks that cover the ankle, trainer socks are not appropriate. Trousers should be tailored; if you have any concerns about whether they are appropriate please contact your child's Learning Manager.

Skirts: For girls who wish to continue wearing a black pleated skirt during the winter months, we kindly ask that plain black tights are worn with the skirt. The tights must be a minimum of 40 denier for warmth and consistency with the uniform standards.

If you need to buy a new pleated one, they are available to purchase on the official site for £14.99. SPT Uniforms are the approved provider of Delta uniform. They offer an excellent service to ensure that ordering your child's academy uniform is easy and stress-free. To order uniform and for more information please visit www.sptuniforms.co.uk

You are under no obligation to buy a pleated skirt from our SPT provider, pleated skirts from other shops and supermarkets will be acceptable if they are black in colour and are knee length and can be purchased for as little as £8. Please do not buy a straight skirt from any other provider as these are no longer acceptable as part of our uniform policy, whether it is tailored or stretch material.

Hairstyles: Hairstyles and colour should be sensible. Please check with your child's learning manager before considering any dramatic changes to style and colour. No patterns should be shaved into hairstyles. Hair accessories should be discreet and in black or blue, no scarves or bandanas (unless for religious regions).

Jewellery: No jewellery is allowed except for a wristwatch. Smart Watches are not permitted. Students are not permitted to wear any type of piercing whilst in the Academy.

Nails: No artificial nails of any kind are allowed, whether they are gel, acrylic or any other type. Nail varnish will also need to be removed before the school day.

Makeup: any makeup worn by students should be very discreet. Students will be asked to remove makeup if not discreet. Eyebrows should be natural with no patterns/shavings and students are not permitted to wear false eyelashes.

Footwear: We take great pride in our uniform, including footwear, and do insist that students follow our expectations. Shoes must be plain black, flat, and polishable with no embellishments, logos or bows. They should not look like trainers or have a sporting logo. Students should not wear boots, trainers, pumps, or canvas shoes. Shiny plastic/rubber style embellished pumps and Vivian Westwoods, or similar, are not allowed.

If you need to purchase replacement uniform and are concerned about meeting the costs of this, please speak to your child's Learning Manager in the first instance to discuss what support is available to you or contact us at info@dartonacademy.org.uk and we will do our best to support.

I appreciate your support in helping our students maintain a professional and cohesive appearance as we enter the winter season. Should you have any questions or need clarification on the uniform policy, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Howell', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mr R Howell

Vice Principal