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To: All Parent/Carers

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Dear Parent/Carer

School Uniform

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to wish you a restful and enjoyable break with your family. I would like to take this opportunity to remind both students and parent/carers of the uniform expectations at Taverham High School.

All students are required to follow the uniform expectations at Taverham High School. Wearing incorrect uniform is set out in the school's behaviour policy as a barrier to learning and sanctions will apply. By ensuring the standards of uniform are upheld across the school, we hope our students will develop pride in all they do which will maximise their progress throughout their time at the school. The Education Endowment Foundation states "Although changing uniform is not, on its own, likely to improve learning, it can be successfully incorporated into a broader school improvement process, which includes the development of a school ethos and the improvement of behaviour and discipline". Our uniform expectations have been implemented with the intention of benefiting the students at Taverham High School.

The school uniform for Taverham High School consists of the following items:

School Uniform – Years 8 to 11

- Polo Shirt: Blue, embroidered with school logo
- Sweatshirt: Light grey, embroidered with school logo
- Cardigan: Light grey, embroidered with school logo
- Skirt: Black, plain. Skirts must be at least knee length
- Trousers: Black, plain, full-length, tailored trousers, not jeans, leggings, chinos or canvas type
- Shorts: Black, plain, tailored and knee length

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New School Uniform – Years 7 and optional for all other year groups

- Royal blue blazer with red braid and school logo
- Tie in House colour, worn at an appropriate length
- Black skirt with school logo, worn at knee-length
- Straight leg black trousers, no skinny fit, leggings or jean design (boys and girls optional)
- Plain white collared shirt tucked in with top button fastened.
- Plain white or black socks/tights
- Plain black V-neck jumper with school logo (optional item)
- Plain black V-neck jumper or cardigan, not sweatshirt material (optional item)

House Ties are associated with tutor groups and are as below:

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All Year Groups

- Shoes: Plain black, polishable. Shoes cannot be canvas, suede or nubuck. Trainer- like and logo'd shoes such as Nike Air Force are not permitted. (Please see the attached poster on shoes for guidance)
- Any coat that is worn should not bear offensive or derogatory writing or images
- Non-school 'hoodies' are not permitted in school and will not be considered as an alternative to a coat. The following 'hoodies' are permitted as part of our school uniform: THS Sports Leader, THS Sports, Navy blue THS hoodie, THS ELF and THS Prefect

Please note that students are not permitted to wear 'hoodies' that belong to older siblings or friends for example a THS Year 11 'hoodie' or Ski Trip 'hoodie'.

Make-up and Jewellery

The following items are acceptable in school:

- A single or one pair of discreet stud earrings is allowed in the earlobe. No other body piercings are acceptable because of the potential problems with appearance and Health and Safety issues. Plasters covering such piercings are not acceptable. Please do not allow any piercings to occur over the summer holidays that cannot be removed in September
- Discreet, natural make-up, this includes the discrete use of false eyelashes
- No extreme fashion hair styles
- Natural nails without varnish, polish or extensions
- The wearing of rings is not permitted in school

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We fully appreciate that equipping a student with the correct school uniform and equipment can be a costly exercise. Should this be an issue or cause for concern, please do not hesitate in contacting your child/ward's Head of Year so that they can investigate possible ways in which we can support you. We also have a few pieces of second-hand uniform that can be purchased from school. If you would like to purchase items, please contact the school to arrange a time to come in.

If you have any confusion or require clarification on any aspect of the school uniform, once again please do not hesitate to contact your child/ward's Head of Year.

May we take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and co-operation in ensuring that your child/ward is in correct school uniform for next term.

Yours faithfully

Dr R Harris
Headteacher