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Dydd Llun Mawrth 3ydd

Dear Parents and Carers / Annwyl Rhieni a Gofalwyr,

Updates – Secondary Phase

Please see below some important updates as we continue to further raise standards in our Secondary Phase.

Food Service

We are looking forward to our partnership with Aramark, our new catering company, who will begin providing our food service when we move into our new build. This will raise the quality of food provided.

We are equally excited by the new facilities that will allow pupils to enjoy their lunch in a larger, nicer, and better designed space. This will mean that all pupils can sit down to eat all their food in comfort, without standing to eat outside. This is a key moment in the development of our school's vision.

To support this transition, we will now be making a change to our lunchtime service. Plated food will now be served in the Lower School Dining Room and 'grab and go' food will now solely be served in the Upper School Dining Room. This change means that pupils will eat all lunch items inside and will not have to take them outside. This will help further improve the ethos and atmosphere at lunchtime.

Uniform

Uniform is an important part of our school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps our pupils feel pride in their school. We recognise, in line with Welsh Government statutory guidance, that a school uniform:

- Supports positive behaviour;
- Ensures pupils dress appropriately for learning activity;
- Ensures clothing does not create health and safety issues in school;
- Removes peer pressure to dress in particular fashions;
- Supports and promotes the positive ethos of the school.

A reminder that jogging bottoms, leggings, skinny trousers, football/Lycra shorts, Lycra/Jersey skirts, and white socks, are not part of our school's uniform. Please note that skirts are knee length.

Pupils will continue to be given a lunchtime detention if they do not wear their school tie and blazer. We will continue to remove hoodies and non-school jumpers from pupils, for them to collect at the end of the day, if they are worn to school. This policy is currently operational and already in place. We will also ask pupils to remove white socks.

A minority of our pupils are not wearing the school uniform, in that they are wearing items instead of school trousers or a school skirt, or they are not wearing plain black shoes. This



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half term we will be working with these families to ensure that this issue is quickly rectified. From Wednesday 30th April (start of Summer term and first day in our new build) we will introduce a new procedure to enforce this aspect of our Uniform Policy. We will ask parents and carers to bring the correct uniform into school if their child arrives without wearing trousers or a black skirt (i.e. if they are wearing jogging bottoms, leggings, skinny trousers, or football/lycra shorts), and if they are not wearing plain black shoes. We will supervise pupils until parents and carers arrive.

From September (start of Autumn term) we will be strengthening the implementation of our uniform policy further and will also ask parents and carers to bring in suitable trousers or skirt, if pupils are wearing a lycra/jersey skirt, or a skirt which is not knee length.

Please see below a reminder of our school uniform for all pupils in Years 7-11

Black Blazer
White long or short sleeved shirt or white blouse with collar
King Henry VIII 3-19 School tie
Bottle Green V-Neck School Jumper or sweatshirt or cardigan (optional)
Smart black school skirt or trousers or shorts
Plain black socks or tights
Plain black school shoes (leather or leather look)

Our school uniform is available from our [uniform supplier](#). However, blazers, jumpers, and PE T-shirts do not need to be purchased branded. Iron and sew on badges for the blazers and jumpers are available from the school.

Information regarding financial assistance from can be found on our website [here](#). The Welsh Government also offers financial support in a grant of up to £200 in the form of the 'School Essentials Grant'; just search: 'Get help with school costs' on your preferred search engine. Furthermore, we have a stock of pre-loved uniform onsite that we are able to give to anyone that needs it. Your child can access pre-loved uniform in school or parents and carers can contact Wellbeing Leaders to enquire about this uniform.

Thank you for your positivity and support.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,

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