

27th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Uniform Updates

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are all looking forward to the upcoming Easter holiday. I wanted to reach out to you today to inform you of some changes that will be made in direct response to parent/carer feedback. I would like to express my gratitude to the parents and carers who have been providing unwavering support. While there have been a few changes implemented in the past few months, I trust that you have recognised the positive impact these changes have had on our students, families, school, and staff.

Last year, it was announced that we would have a different colour tie for each year group. Parents and careers had lots of valuable feedback with regards to the cost and the environmental impact of buying a new tie each year. It is because of this feedback that I have made the decision, that students will keep their current tie throughout their time at Bexhill Academy. This will further support the safety of our students as we, as staff, have come to know the students in their current ties and they have become easily identifiable. We hope this comes as pleasant news to you.

As you are aware, in recent weeks we have adjusted students wearing skirts at Bexhill Academy. I would like to remind you that as the weather gets warmer, all students are permitted to wear tailored shorts or culottes as well as the usual trousers or skirts with tights. With that in mind, we wanted to make an exception for the Year 11 students. I hope all parents and carers will understand that the Year 11s have approximately 18 days of school left until their exams. Therefore, it is not reasonable for us to expect Year 11 parents/carers to buy new summer uniforms and so, in term 5, Year 11 will not need to wear tights with their skirts. However, we do ask they ensure they have shorts on underneath their skirts.

I would also like to ask that you encourage your child to attend school with their own water bottle as of term 5. This is something that we have asked in the past but would just like to reiterate. The purpose of this is to encourage independence as well as reduce the environmental impacts of selling plastic bottles. Around the school, we have refill stations that total up the water bottles we are saving by using the refill machines. We would like students to understand the impact of buying plastic bottles every day and attempt to reduce their plastic consumption by bringing in a water bottle.

Please can I remind you that if you have read anything today that has left you feeling confused or worried, you are encouraged to reach out to the Academy at communications@bexhillacademy.org. You will be aware that we are fostering a collaborative approach to decisions and that we value our parent/carer feedback.

Thank you again for your continued support and we look forward to seeing all our smart students in Term 5!

Sincerely,



Dr Craig Neal
Headteacher

Example culottes:

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