

10th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Summer Uniform Update

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. As mentioned in a previous letter, I am writing to you with an update about a summer alternative uniform. We have heard your voices, and understand the desire for a more comfortable and practical uniform option. Therefore, after much deliberation, we have decided to introduce readily available polo shirts as an additional choice for our students at Bexhill Academy.

Starting from Monday, students in Key Stage 3 will have the option of wearing a light blue polo shirt as a summer alternative to the traditional uniform. This will provide them with a more breathable and relaxed option during the warmer months. Similarly, students in Key Stage 4 will have the option of wearing a white polo shirt instead of the regular uniform.

We have selected light blue and white polo shirts, as they are easily accessible at all local supermarkets, ensuring convenience for all families as well as mimicking the current shirt colours. It will also be a more hygienic alternative to PE kit, as well as a more affordable replacement. By providing this alternative, we aim to offer a practical solution that allows students to feel comfortable while maintaining a smart appearance.

As a result of this change, ties and blazers will be optional for students opting to wear the shop-bought polo shirts. This adjustment will also complement the proposed summer shorts or culottes option, replacing the mandatory skirt and tights/trousers. We believe this will provide students with a more suitable and weather-appropriate alternative.

We understand the importance of maintaining a sense of unity and pride in our school community. The introduction of these additional options is not meant to diminish the value of our traditional uniform but rather to offer flexibility and adaptability to meet the diverse needs of our students.

Please be assured that the school's expectations regarding personal presentation remain unchanged. We kindly request that all students continue to adhere to our uniform policy, ensuring that the chosen polo shirts are of the appropriate colour, size, and fit, alternatively, the original uniform is worn correctly.

Once again, thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and feedback. As mentioned in previous letters, the comfort and well-being of our students is always at the forefront of our decision-making. Together, let us create an environment where our students can thrive and feel their best.

Kind Regards,

Dr Craig Neal
Headteacher

Helpful links-

Blue/ White Polo Shirts

https://www.marksandspencer.com/2pk-unisex-pure-cotton-school-polo-shirts-2-18-yrs-/p/clp60650685?color=BLUE#intid=pid_pg1pip11g2r5c1

<https://www.matalan.co.uk/childrens-clothing/kids-2-pack-light-blue-school-polo-shirts-3-16yrs/14516264.html>

Girls Tailored Shorts

<https://www.newlook.com/uk/womens/clothing/shorts/tall-navy-cotton-sateen-tailored-short/p/886465941?srsId=AfmBOoqT1wyUk3RsbXqHaaQ90BFi3iljq6xllsPbk9DJ6epgEQVhKLsgkBc>

https://www2.hm.com/en_gb/productpage.1224117004.html

Boys Tailored Shorts

https://www.marksandspencer.com/school-2pk-boys-slim-leg-shorts-2-14-yrs-/p/clp60588223?color=NAVY#intid=pid_pg1pip31g2r2c1|prodflag_submsg-From%20%C2%A34%20per%20item

Girls Tailored Culottes

https://www.dorothyperkins.com/product/dorothy-perkins-button-front-culotte-trouser_bgg17365?colour=navy