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Dear Parent/Carer

Core Values, School Uniform & Healthy Eating

At Inverurie Academy we want to ensure that we give students every chance for success. I write to update you on just some areas of school life where we are making some changes.

Core Values

The School Captains have now completed their fantastic work in consulting upon a new set of Core Values for Inverurie Academy. After twenty values workshops and over five hundred questionnaire returns, the new Core Values for Inverurie Academy are:-

Ambition Inclusion Integrity Respect

As has been highlighted, it is relatively easy to arrive at a set of words, but much harder to work together to ensure that these Core Values are embedded into the life of the school. The new School Captains, when appointed, will be working with the school to ensure that these Core Values become part of everything we do.

A big thank you to our outgoing School Captains for the work involved in getting to this stage.

Healthy Eating

Staff in schools across Scotland are asked to have a focus on core areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing. I would like to highlight one aspect of Health & Wellbeing, and that is the healthy eating choices that students make during the course of the day. There are established benefits of a healthy lifestyle on education and we have a School Canteen that offers a range of healthy eating choices. We would encourage students to make use of the services available from the canteen as a way to make healthy eating choices and access canteen dining areas and facilities.

School Uniform

Mr Paterson, Acting DHT, is currently leading the process of refreshing the School Uniform to provide an Inverurie Academy Uniform for the 21st Century. Over the next year, he will be involving students, staff and parents in consulting on what our new School Uniform should look like. Mr Paterson is keen to engage interested parties to become involved in this process – please do look out for the opportunities which will be publicised through bulletins and parental communication.

However, as a first step while this process is ongoing we have offered Senior Students the opportunity to lead the way by wearing shirts and ties next session. We took a vote at assemblies with the new S5 and S6 cohorts. The results were as follows:-

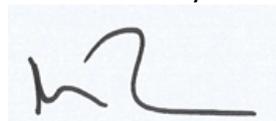
New S5 (101 pupils polled)	New S6 (94 pupils polled)
No = 39 (39%) Yes = 62 (61%)	No = 13 (14%) Yes = 81 (86%)

This clearly shows that there is an appetite for uniform update among the Senior Students at Inverurie Academy. In practice, this means:-

- Inverurie Academy will present a school tie free of charge to all new S5 and S6 students at Induction.
- There will be a transitional period where new S5 and S6 can adjust to this new Uniform in June 2017.
- The full expectation is that all new S5 and S6 students will wear shirts and ties from August 2017. We will retain a small stock of spare ties and will supply these for any days where a Senior Student forgets their tie.
- An updated Agreed School Uniform Page has been attached along with a set of expectations. Please note that it will be our expectation particularly that non-school jumpers will not be permitted in classes or corridors and that outer-wear should be removed as students enter the school building.

How we look as a school is vitally important in helping our pupils and staff live up to our core values of Ambition, Inclusion, Integrity and Respect. I would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Jones
Head Teacher



Inverurie Academy School Dress Code

S1-S4

What's OK?

Top Half

School Polo
School Sweatshirt

Bottom Half

Black trousers

Footwear

Black shoes (preferably leather)

What's Not OK?

Top Half

Hoodies
Non-school Jumpers

Bottom Half

Jeans
Leggings
Jeggings

Footwear

Any shoe which is not black



Inverurie Academy School Dress Code

S5-S6

What's OK?

Top Half

Dress Shirt & School Tie

Bottom Half

Black Trousers

Footwear

Black Shoes (preferably leather)

What's Not OK?

Top Half

Hoodies

Non-school Jumpers

Bottom Half

Jeans

Leggings

Jeggings

Footwear

Any shoe which is not black