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Dear Parent/Carer,

Inverurie Academy Uniform 2018-19

As you know, the Inverurie Academy Core Values are Ambition, Inclusion, Integrity and Respect. One of the projects we have been working on over the past year has been to introduce a new School Uniform from 2018-19.

This project has been led by a group of committed students who have worked very hard over the past year to gather views from all stakeholders to ensure we have a uniform that meets the aspirations of all those involved with the school.

The uniform group recognise that the continued support of parents is vital to successful introduction of this change and have been really grateful for your input to the process to date; participation in the Parent Focus Group, completion of the initial online questionnaire, voting for the final colour scheme, and also for your constructive comments to the progress we have made to date.

On behalf of this group, I am delighted to announce that the final agreed uniform will be:-

- Compulsory Blue Blazer
 - White dress shirt and school tie
 - Optional grey Inverurie Academy V-neck jumper or cardigan
 - Black trousers or skirt
 - Black shoes
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Please now find information relating to:-

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I do hope you find this information helpful and, once again, thank you for all the support you have shown the school on our journey towards a new uniform for Inverurie Academy. Please do not hesitate me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Paterson
Depute Rector
On behalf of the Uniform Group

Suppliers & Fitting



Suppliers

Academy Uniforms

The new uniform will be supplied by *Academy Uniforms* (<https://www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk/>) who are an Aberdeenshire Council approved supplier and who supply uniforms for Alford and Banff Academies as well as many other secondary schools across Scotland.

The Blazer and Tie must be purchased through *Academy Uniforms*.

Marks and Spencer

Marks and Spencer school uniform options can be found by using the following link <http://www.marksandspencer.com/s/kids/school-uniform>.

Shirts, trousers and skirts could be purchased from *Marks & Spencer*.

Tesco

Tesco school uniform options can be found by using the following link https://www.tesco.com/direct/clothing-accessories/school-uniform/cat38460033.cat?sc_cmp=ref*dotcom*stc*dchp_tab_school_uniform*ongoing. Older students may find the 'sixth form and college' tab at the bottom left a good place to look.

Shirts, trousers and skirts could be purchased from *Tesco*.

You are, of course, free to source skirts, trousers, shirts and shoes from anywhere you wish and many other suppliers are available.

Fitting

The new uniform will look best if the Blazer is measured and fitted to the requirements of each student. In order to achieve this and to make purchase quick and easy Inverurie Academy will host several fitting events. At these the tailors from *Academy Uniforms* will provide a personal measuring and fitting service and the new uniform will be available for purchase there and then with no need to order. We understand that all parents will not be available and we will keep records of attendance in order to be able to contact and offer further purchasing opportunities to anyone who cannot make it along to the fitting event. We would however very much encourage attendance at this event where possible as it will provide the quickest and most straightforward means of purchasing the new uniform.

Maria Walker, Director of Education, Learning & Leisure
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New S5 and S6

We will be adopting the new uniform in two distinct phases. As leaders of the student body we would like our S5 and S6 students to be early adopters. Therefore the uniform will change for S5/6 students (the current S4/S5) on the day they return to school from SQA study leave; 5th June 2018.

In order to meet this deadline our fitting event for students going into S5/6 will be held on Wednesday 21st March between 5:30 and 7:30 pm in the Assembly Hall at Inverurie Academy.

New S1 to S4

Our new S1 to S4 (current P7 to S3) students will be adopting the new uniform on the first day of school after the summer holidays and will be given the opportunity to attend fitting events by House Group. For most this should mean that siblings will be in the same House Group and should minimise the number of parents who have to attend more than one event. Due to the numbers involved we will be holding two fitting events.

Barra and Selbie houses, 11am – 2Pm on Saturday May 12th in the Assembly Hall at Inverurie Academy.

Crichie, Davah and Harlaw Houses, 11am – 2pm on Saturday May 19th in the Assembly Hall at Inverurie Academy.

Students who are leaving

We may have a few students who return after the change of timetable but who intend to leave after summer. If your son or daughter falls into this category please ask them to see Mr Paterson and alternative arrangements can be put in place.

Pricing



The Inverurie Academy Uniform Group has used pricing as a key part of putting together an inclusive new uniform. In your feedback, most parents were keen to ensure that the entire Inverurie Academy School Uniform was available for around £60 - £80.

Academy Uniforms supply the following items:

Blazers with embroidered school crest = £31.50
School tie = £7.50
Optional V-neck jumper with embroidered school crest = £16.50
Optional cardigan with embroidered school crest = £17.50

Example Pricing

<p>For a student who wanted to spend more</p> <p>Inverurie Academy Blazer - £31.50 Inverurie Academy school tie = £7.50 V-neck jumper with embroidered school crest = £16.50 M&S White slim fit 2 pack senior boys' shirts - £12.00 - £16.00 M&S Senior boys super skinny leg trousers £11.00 - £15.00 Total between £78.50 and £86.50</p>	<p>For a student who wanted to spend more</p> <p>Inverurie Academy Blazer - £31.50 Inverurie Academy school tie = £7.50 V-neck cardigan with embroidered school crest = £17.50 Senior girls blouse - £8.00 - £10.00 M&S Senior girls pencil skirt £10.00 - £14.00 Total between £74.50 and £80.50</p>
<p>For a student who wanted to spend less</p> <p>Inverurie Academy Blazer - £31.50 Inverurie Academy school tie = £7.50 Tesco 2 pack slim leg black trousers = £7 Tesco 2 Pack of slim fit shirts = £14 Total £60</p>	<p>For a student who wanted to spend less</p> <p>Inverurie Academy Blazer - £31.50 Inverurie Academy school tie = £7.50 Tesco girls slim leg black trousers = £7 Tesco senior girls slim fit shirt = £7 Total £53</p>

Clothing Grants

Some parents may be eligible to apply for Clothing Grants using the following link
<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/assistance/school-clothing-grants/>

Second Hand Sale

Going forward we will explore the option of hosting a second hand sale at the end of each year in order to allow parents/carers to recoup some of the cost of the uniform and to provide an opportunity to purchase items at a lower price.

General Uniform Guidance



The most common questions we get around uniform are regarding:

Trousers	Shoes
<p>Over the years the distinction between black jeans and black trousers has become blurred, especially with the advent of skinny fit fashions. It is important to be clear about what is and is not acceptable for school. There are two factors which distinguish acceptable from unacceptable school trousers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Colour – school trousers must be black and not faded, worn, weathered or ripped. 2) Rivets – school trousers must not have obviously visible rivets. School trousers should have either no rivets or black rivets. <p>Tracksuit bottoms, leggings, jeggings or similar are <u>not</u> acceptable school trousers at Inverurie Academy.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 2px;">ACCEPTABLE</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">NOT ACCEPTABLE</p> </div> </div>	<p>Shoes should be plain black and must not have coloured detailing.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 2px;">ACCEPTABLE</p>  <p style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">NOT ACCEPTABLE</p> </div>