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HEADTEACHER HEADLINES

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New Uniform reminder for September 2018

I wrote to you at the beginning of December and in late January to inform you of the Governors decision to change the uniform for September 2018. With one term to go now until the change this is just another advance reminder for September 2018.

We will be retaining the black blazer colour but it will have a new badge showing a new symbol and Co-op Academy Failsworth. If we need to support any individual parents there will be an option to supply a 'new pocket' for old blazers with the new symbol and name on. We will also be retaining the black pleated skirt and black trouser option. We will not insist on new skirts for students with the old Failsworth School logo on the waistband from September 2018, but as you replace it will only be new stock available. (The new skirt is a plain black pleated style).

Finally, the main uniform change is to be a grey jumper and school tie. The symbol and academy name will be embroidered on the jumper, and the tie is a new design. These will replace the burgundy jumper and current tie from September 2018. If students outgrow their current jumper in the final half term (June/July 2018) we will allow them not to wear a jumper in readiness for the new grey jumper in September. We often do this in the warmest half term of the year. If parents have an issue with a jumper between Easter and Whit half term please contact us and we will try and help, as replacing the burgundy jumper for 6 weeks is not appropriate.

We also intend to change the PE kit for September 2018. This will see a new, more modern and comfortable option. The current Year 7 wear a blue version of this already and will continue to wear this until natural replacement beyond September 2018 where they will then follow the whole school change (in September 2018) to black T-shirt and black shorts, (leggings and black T-shirt for Year 9, 10, 11 dancers), and black socks. Other optional items of PE kit, such as tracksuits, will also be available to purchase from September 2018.

The governors and myself are very aware that uniform is an additional expense and we are trying to give as much notice as possible - over 2 terms, plus 2 options above - to reduce the cost.

Zutti in Oldham will remain our uniform supplier. They supply most schools/academies in Oldham. They will supply the blazer, jumper, tie and PE kit. They will also offer the skirt and trousers to parents who wish to purchase them. In addition, Zutti offer a free alteration service. Zutti are a long serving uniform supplier who use ethical sources and provide high quality

products at a reasonable cost. We have checked the price against other schools/academies in Oldham and are confident that it presents value for money.

The uniform below is the final choice for September 2018.



From September 2018

Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11



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Having considered 2 sets of tie design the students voted and decided on the design above. The colours on a black tie pick up our value colours we are using at the academy. Each year group was asked to choose a new colour for September 2018. Colours are shown above.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope this advance notice allows you to plan for September 2018.