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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following feedback from students and a uniform review we launched our new gender-neutral uniform this academic year and rolled out initially to all new joiners. As communicated last year, we set the expectation that the rest of the academy will move to the new uniform from September 2022. Students currently in Year 10 (moving into Year 11 September 22) can continue to wear the expiring uniform, however, from September every other year group is expected to follow the new academy dress code.

Please note PE hoodies will no longer be allowed to be worn to the academy except by students who will be in Year 11. PE hoodies must NOT be worn during PE lessons.

P.E. Uniform

We continue to believe that by allowing students to attend school in their PE kit it maximises PE lesson time and enables a high level of engagement in PE lessons. We have also noticed that students wearing PE kit on PE days are more likely to take part in physical activity during break and lunchtime.

However, we can only offer this system if our students respect this opportunity. Students should only wear PE kit on the days they have PE on their timetable.

P.E. Shorts

We are concerned about the length of the shorts that are being worn by students so far this term. If a student wishes to wear shorts to school as part of the PE kit they may wear shorts but they must be appropriate for a day of study and a PE lesson. Tight lycra shorts are not appropriate. If shorts are being worn they should not be made of lycra.

Finally, as we move into the summer term I would also like to remind all families about the uniform expectations of all students in the academy. Our uniform unites everyone as part of the Bourne End Academy community. Students should be proud to represent the academy and we take pride in the engagement and feedback students have in our uniform policy.

Key uniform reminders:

- Socks should be black or white ankle length or black/flesh coloured tights. We have noticed that knee high socks are being worn, these are not part of our uniform and sanctions will be given if worn.
- Students must only wear one earring per ear, and these must be either a plain gold or silver stud.
- Students are not to wear rings or necklaces to school.
- Hairstyles must be suitable for school and hair should be natural in colour.
- Nail varnish, acrylic nails and gel nails are not permitted.
- In addition, students are not allowed to wear false eyelashes.
- Trainers or canvas shoes are not accepted as part of the uniform.
- Examples of what is accepted and not accepted can be found on the website

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• If a student is found to be not wearing the correct uniform, the student can expect to receive a sanction.

Second hand shop

We are currently working with Hawkinsport to set up a second hand uniform shop offering good quality second hand items. We will share further details with you once they are available.

Uniform suppliers

Hawkinsport: <u>click here for website</u>

PMG: click here for website

Thank you for your support in maintaining our uniform expectations. Should you require any financial support with uniform please do complete this: <u>form</u>. Full details of our Uniform Policy can be found on our school website <u>click here</u>.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Ms Rachel Keitch Assistant Headteacher