

Dear Parent/Carer

April 2017

## Changes to School Uniform Policy – September 2017

Over the past few years, we have taken a measured approach to improving and developing the standard of uniform and appearance of our students. We are very proud of how smart our students look and the pride which they have in our uniform and their school.

Through this process, we have learned some things about our students. Firstly, we have learned how much more focussed on learning they are as they have looked smarter. Students have appreciated it when we have made our expectations very clear and ensured that all follow them. We have also noticed that our students have become more ambitious and aspirational; we are beginning to see our ambitions be realised where students aim to 'be the best they can be'.

We have often been asked if we could introduce a school blazer to our uniform. While our students are generally very keen and there has been warm support from parents and carers, we have, until now, not felt that the time was right to make this change. However, we have reflected on where we are as a school and feel that now is the right time. This view has been agreed with the Governing Body.

From September 2017, all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 (those who are currently in Years 6, 7 and 8) will be expected to wear a newly designed school blazer as part of their school uniform. Students who are now in Years 9 and 10 and who will be in Years 10 and 11 from September 2017 will have the option to wear the blazer if they wish. In addition, we are making some changes to the rest of our uniform expectations which will apply to all students. The document accompanying this letter makes clear each of these expectations.

We firmly believe that this change will set a clear expectation and aspiration that students at Brannel School are at least equal in potential to those in other schools and that we can all set our ambitions to achieve the best we can be.

In order to support parents and carers in making these changes, we have agreed that the first school blazer purchased during the Summer Term will be offered at half price. We are also organising a 'seconds' shop so that students can 'sell back' their blazer to us which can then be sold as second hand to others. Uniform can be purchased through our new provider Macron, both online through the school website and their shop in St Columb.

We are also providing a clear policy on our school uniform which we hope will be useful in helping to understand the school's expectations.

Thank you for your support with this change. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Cooper, Assistant Headteacher, if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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