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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am writing to outline some changes to the school's uniform agreed by the school's Governors last term following feedback from parents over the last few months. You will see that these changes are relatively minor, in terms of the appearance of the uniform, and these changes have been made for the sole purpose of reducing the cost of the uniform in these difficult times without changing the school's identity. Please note that in all cases, **existing items of uniform can continue to be worn** until such time as they need to be replaced.

There is a full summary of our current uniform below, but the changes can be summarized as follows:

- The white polo shirt will no longer bear the school's logo. We will also switch the brand available from our suppliers from 'David Duke' to 'Woodbank' to maintain the house colour stripe, but at a lower cost.
- All items of the PE uniform will be available from the 'Aptus Essentials' range rather than from their 'Performance' range.
- The PE shorts will no longer bear the school's logo.
- The PE tracksuit bottoms will no longer bear the school's logo.
- Whilst the PE shorts, leggings and tracksuit bottoms are available from our suppliers, any plain navy or black items with minimal branded logos will be acceptable.

Almost all pupils attend school in the correct uniform each and every day. Despite the challenges we are all currently facing, standards have remained high during the course of this term and we would like to thank both parents and students for following our guidelines closely. However, there have been a small minority of students who have sometimes not followed the requirements. This will, as always, be challenged rigorously in the new term and beyond. In particular, I would like to remind you that tight leggings may not be worn as part of the standard uniform and that if students choose to wear socks with a skirt, they are worn below the knee.

To help you with the task of purchasing the correct uniform and equipment, there is a detailed guide to what is, and what is not, expected at the school available on our website. As always, where uniform does not meet the required standard set out below, we are asking that you purchase specific styles and brands of trousers or skirts available from a variety of outlets at a range of prices. We hope that this will help to eradicate any confusion in the new term.



Uniform Summary

- White polo shirt with a coloured collar indicating the student's house (Crafnant = green, Dulyn = yellow, Hiraethlyn = blue, Llugwy = red)
- Navy sweatshirt bearing the school crest
- Charcoal grey or black trousers (**loose fit, and full length**) / grey or black skirt (**knee length**) or shorts in the summer term.
- Black/grey socks or tights
- Black shoes without any logos. Canvas shoes are not permitted.

PE Uniform

Mandatory items:

- PE Polo Shirt bearing the school's logo
- PE shorts in plain black or navy with small branded logos
- Any trainers suitable for PE (these should be different to those worn as part of the daily uniform)

Optional items:

- Black or Navy base layer for warmth to be worn under shorts/shirts
- Black or navy leggings (either from our suppliers or with only small branded logos)
- Black or navy tracksuit bottoms (either from our suppliers or with only small branded logos)
- Ysgol Aberconwy ¾ zip top with the school's logo.

In conclusion, if you need clarification on any uniform issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school's pastoral team in the first instance.

Yours Faithfully

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