

May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to inform you that we are continuing to develop our uniform policy to reflect the high aspirations that we have for the school as we move forward to our existing new future as part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership; we believe that students in Years 7 – 11 should be dressed professionally which helps to establish the correct attitude for learning.

As a result, we are going to be making some changes to our current uniform. We have spoken to the students today and have explained to them the changes we will be making and the rationale behind these changes.

The changes are as follows.

From September 2025

School Shoes - As part of our drive to communicate to the local community our high expectations and standards for our students we want them to look smart and be in keeping with other schools in the area. We have also noticed over the last few years a marked increase in students wearing expensive branded trainers and recognise that this is putting pressure on other students, who may not be able to afford such items.

As a result, we will no longer be allowing students to wear trainers or trainer style shoes to school. ALL students will be expected to wear 'formal style' appropriate leather or leather look school shoes. This does not include the 'trainer style' school shoes sold in some shops.

Examples of suitable footwear can be found below along with some links to other suitable options.



[School Shoe 1](#)



[School Shoe 2](#)



[School Shoe 3](#)



[School Shoe 4](#)

Students will still be allowed to wear their existing black trainers for PE lessons and any students wishing to play football during break and lunchtime can bring in trainers to change into. They must however change back into their school shoes before entering the building. Please note this is only for students wishing to play football to protect their shoes from damage.

Jewellery and Piercings - We will no longer be allowing students to have any sort of facial piercings. This INCLUDES nose studs (this includes the clear retainers). Jewellery (such as bracelets, necklaces and rings) can also no longer be worn and will need to be removed when entering the school or they risk being confiscated. Students will be permitted to wear a pair of small stud earrings, with a maximum of one piercing per earlobe.

Socks - These are to be black only and must be unbranded with no logos.

School Ties and Jumpers - We currently have six different tie options and three colour options for school jumpers. We feel that this is overly complicated and doesn't present a consistent uniform appearance. As a result, we will be moving towards one tie option and one jumper option. This will be compulsory for all incoming Year 7 for September 2025 with the rest of the school being in line by September 2026.

As part of this process, we are consulting with all members of our school community. This includes students, staff and parents.

Please could you take the time to complete the survey [here](#) to share your views on which of the options currently available we should select. The deadline for completing this survey is 9am Thursday 22nd May.

We and will be able to share the results with you when we return after the half term break.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support in enforcing these uniform changes with the students. We are confident that the developments in uniform will enable us to further develop our highly praised Ansford ethos.

If you have any questions or will require any financial support in relation to these changes, please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's Head of Year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Musson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr K Musson
Head of School