



DUKE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL: Mr S Gibson

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to consult you on some of the changes that we are proposing to make to the school uniform for Duke's Secondary School.

We want to strengthen our identity as Duke's Secondary School but at the same time make as few changes as possible in order to minimise any unnecessary cost to parents and carers. The changes that we propose are as follows, and we propose that these changes will be implemented from September 2019 forwards:

- We propose to change the school badge from the NCEA shield (seen below) to the Duke's School crest (seen above) on all items of uniform that currently feature the shield. No other changes of colour or style are proposed.
- Following feedback from parents, we propose to introduce the blazer for Year 7 and 8 pupils, so that our uniform is consistent throughout the secondary years.
- Our black jumpers are currently compulsory for Years 7 and 8, and optional for Years 9, 10 and 11. We propose that these jumpers will become optional for all year groups, due to the addition of the blazer in lower school.
- The current ties will also change to reflect our new House System, with pupils in different houses wearing a tie in their house colours. We consulted the pupils on the design of the new ties and the most popular design amongst the pupils was chosen. The trustees have agreed to fund the school to purchase a new tie to give to all pupils in current Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 for the start of the next academic year.
- We do not propose to change our PE kit, other than a change of badge on the items that feature the school badge.

There will be no change to the black trousers/skirts or other aspects of our uniform.

I understand that many pupils will still have uniform with plenty of wear left in it, therefore, for the 2019/2020 school year the new uniform will be available to purchase and wear, but the current uniform will still be acceptable to wear. The phased entry of the new uniform would continue until September 2020 by which time all pupils would be required to wear the new uniform.

We welcome any feedback you may have relating to the proposed changes, please visit the website, www.dukes.ncea.org.uk, and complete the **uniform consultation form** before 1st March 2019.



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Here is a summary of the proposed changes, compared with our current uniform:

CURRENT UNIFORM		PROPOSED UNIFORM
Years 7 and 8	Years 9, 10 and 11	Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Black V-neck jumper with NCEAT logo	NCEAT blazer with optional black V-neck jumper with NCEAT logo to be worn under the blazer.	Duke's School Blazer with optional black v-neck jumper with Duke's School logo to be worn under the blazer.
White shirt including top button		No change
Black smart trousers / skirt. Not denim. No leggings / tight trousers. All trousers must meet the shoe – there should be no gap between socks and trousers.		No change
Skirts must be no higher than two inches from the pupil's knee		No change
Year 7 / 8 Tie	Year 9 / 10 / 11 Tie	A tie in the appropriate house colours. The first tie will be provided by the school to all current Y7 to Y10 pupils.
Black Socks / Black or flesh coloured tights.		No change
<u>Black leather/leather looking shoes</u> (Guidance: this means no trainers, no Vans, nothing that has a brand name or logo on it as often these are trainers, plimsolls or boots. The whole shoe should be black including soles.)		No change
PE KIT		PE KIT
NCEAT or plain black tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts		Change of logo only
NCEAT PE t-shirt, black and red with logo		Change of logo only
White or black socks		No change
Trainers (no metal studs)		No change
Optional black NCEAT hoodie which can be bought with initials on it		Change of logo only
Bobble for hair		No change

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter and for your support for the standards we wish to uphold as a school.

Yours sincerely,



Steve Gibson
Principal