



Aylsham High School

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Dear Parent and Carer,

School Uniform Change

I am writing to share an upcoming update regarding our school uniform policy at Aylsham High School. Following a proposal from the Senior Leadership Team, which our Governors supported the proposal, we have made the decision to transition to the blue polo shirt as our default uniform option all year round.

This decision comes after observing how well the polo shirts work during the summer term. Our goal is to ensure our uniform is practical, comfortable, and keeps the focus firmly on your child's learning.

Key Details of the Uniform Update

To help you prepare for the upcoming academic year, here is a breakdown of what this change means for your child:

- **The Default Uniform:** Moving forward, the blue polo shirt will replace the white shirt and tie as the standard daily wear, to be worn with the school blazer (or the Year 11 black jumper).
- **Optional Shirt and Tie:** We understand that some students may still prefer the traditional look. Therefore, the option to wear the traditional white shirt and tie will remain available for any student who wishes to continue wearing it.
- **Layering for Years 7–10:** To ensure students stay warm during the colder months, students in Years 7 to 10 will have the option to wear a navy v-neck jumper *in addition to* their blazer (please note this is not a replacement for the blazer).
- **Maintaining House Identity:** We know how important House identity is to our students. As the polo shirt replaces the need for house-coloured ties, we are currently developing new House badges to be worn on blazers and jumpers so students can continue to display their House pride.

Why Are We Making This Change?

We believe this adjustment is a positive step forward for our school community for several key reasons:

- **Practicality and Comfort:** Students have overwhelmingly told us that they find the polo shirts more comfortable and practical to wear throughout the school day.
- **Cost-Effective and Simple:** We are mindful of uniform costs for families and believe this is a straightforward, accessible option for all.

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Next Steps

We are sharing this news with you now so that families have plenty of time to prepare ahead of the new school year, and so that we can organise uniform requirements. Orders can be made online at [Aylsham Learning Federation Uniform Shop](#) which can be collected in school on the pre-arranged dates as per the weekly digest or you can buy a plain sky-blue polo shirt.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in keeping Aylsham High School a smart, focused, and welcoming environment for our young people.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.S.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Executive Headteacher