

# WICKERSLEY SCHOOL AND SPORTS COLLEGE

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HEADTEACHER: Mr T Hardcastle

26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### Re: Updated Uniform for September 2024

#### Dear Parent/Carers

I am writing to inform you of our updated Uniform Policy, effective from September 2024. As you will be aware, last Autumn a consultation was held with students, parents and other stakeholders regarding the uniform that all secondary students across Wickersley Partnership Trust (WPT) wear.

The results of this consultation were announced in November, and, working alongside WPT, we have been busy working with our suppliers to finalise and formalise our new uniform.

We firmly believe that school uniform allows equality and fairness for all, and that it prepares young people for the world of work, having a positive influence on student behaviour and fostering a sense of belonging and community, whilst eliminating social class stigma.

#### From September 2024, our uniform policy is as follows:

## School Uniform

- NEW black 'v neck' jumper with green piping to neck line and WSSC/WPT logos, or
- NEW black cardigan with green piping and WSSC/WPT logos
- WSSC clip-on tie
- White button-up shirt
- Plain black tailored trousers, or
- Plain black skirt\*, or
- Plain black tailored shorts\*
- Plain black leather shoes or plain black leather trainers<sup>#</sup>

\*Skirts and shorts can be worn throughout the year, but must be knee-length. Skirts must not be the lycra 'tube' type and must be worn with black socks or tights. Shorts must be worn with black socks.

<sup>#</sup>Footwear must be suitable, plain black and show no other colours or embellishments / logos. During the winter months, flatheeled ankle boots or winter boots are allowed, but these must also be plain black.

#### **PE Uniform**

- NEW black and green PE t-shirt with WSSC logo
- Plain black hoodie or sweatshirt
- Plain black PE style shorts, or
- Plain black sports bottoms / leggings
- (Optional) plain black base layer
- Trainers\*

\*No pumps, slip-ons, sliders or flip-flops etc

We have taken the decision to no longer allow the printing of student names or initials on PE t-shirts. This is due to safeguarding concerns, and to increase the ability for school to recycle school uniform through our Uniform Bank.

As a reminder, extreme hair styles and colours are not allowed. Make-up should be discreet and kept at a minimum. False eyelashes and fingernails are not allowed, and nails should be kept at a neutral colour. Jewellery should be kept to a



minimum, with no more than one small earring, sleeper or stud per ear, with other facial or body piercings not allowed on school grounds.

### Year 10 moving into Year 11 for September 2024

School recognises that changing the uniform at any point may incur an initial extra cost for families. For this reason, students currently in Year 10 and starting Year 11 in September 2024 will be able to wear either:

- The new WSSC 'v neck' jumper, or
- The old green WSSC round-neck jumper

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies will be available as usual later on in Year 11.

### **Uniform Bank**

May I take this opportunity to remind you that we operate a Uniform Bank. The scheme gives families suffering financial hardships the opportunity to receive pre-loved uniform for free. If you have uniform that you are able to donate, please drop it off at reception. We are always on the lookout for school jumpers and cardigans, button-up shirts, trousers, skirts and shorts, ties, PE kit including t-shirt and shorts, coats, and bags.

Families in need can request the use of our Uniform Bank via the WPT website: https://wickersleypt.org/about-us/uniform

#### **Uniform Suppliers**

We would like to thank our uniform suppliers for working with us throughout the consultation and implementation process. School uniform can be purchased from the following uniform suppliers (in alphabetical order):

#### A-Print

138 Morthern Road,	https://aprint.co.uk/printing/school-uniform/wickersley-school-sports-college-uniform/
Wickersley,	01709 709987
Rotherham	
S66 1EA	

#### Ella Bellas

1 The Centre, Bramley, Rotherham S66 2SB https://www.ella-bellas.com/wickersley-comp 07960 787347

#### Johnny D

33 Howard Street, Rotherham S65 1JQ https://johnnyd.co.uk/school/products/54 01709 370032

#### Pinder's Schoolwear

Old Town Hall, 1 Howard Street, Rotherham S65 1JQ https://pindersschoolwear.com/schools/240/WickersleySchool 0114 251 3275

Please check with suppliers for stock levels – some new items may not be available to purchase until May half term.

Required branded items are limited to the school 'v neck' jumper (or cardigan) with logos, and the school PE t-shirt with logo. All other items are non-branded and can be purchased from the above uniform suppliers or any clothing retailer, including, but not limited to, Next, M&S, Asda and Tesco.

# **More Information**

A leaflet showcasing our new uniform policy is attached to this letter. To view the full Uniform Policy, and for more information on our uniform, please visit our website: <u>https://www.wickersley.net/parents/uniform/</u>

Thank you for supporting the school and Trust as we strive to send all children into an ever-changing world, able and qualified to play their full part in it.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Hardcastle Headteacher, Wickersley School and Sports College

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See our website for full details of our uniform policy: wickersley.net/parents/uniform