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Dear Parent

Uniform consultation process

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents who took part in the uniform consultation process. After consultations with staff, governors and students the general consensus was that the new uniform proposed is smarter and Governors have agreed that the change should go ahead. Therefore, the Colton Hills School uniform is going to change with effect from September 2021.

We understand that this is significant and might evoke strong reactions. We want to assure you that the decision has been strategically and methodically thought through, with all members of our community in mind. Our students have worn the same uniform for over 40 years with only slight adjustments and we feel it is the right time to make a positive change both with the branding and uniform. We want our uniform to reflect 'Pride' and our striving for excellence as we embark on our journey to world class, a focus the school has been aiming for in recent years.



Research also tells us that a well thought out school uniform can play an important role in creating an inclusive school community and fostering a sense of belonging. Other key findings show that a well-presented uniform helps to reduce bullying and improves pupils' **behaviour**. *Having a clear dress code sets boundaries and helps pupils to see school as a working environment and reduces many distractions associated with personal appearance.*

We have listened carefully to parent concerns around the costs associated with the new uniform and through further research and discussions we want to assure you that we will support families with these changes.



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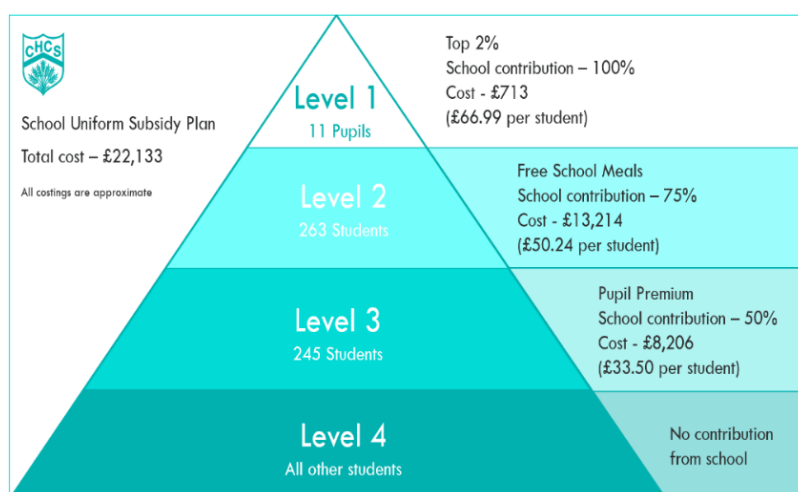
Current Year 10 students (Year 11 from September 2021)

Students who are in Year 11 in 2021-22 will be able to choose to complete their studies in their current (black) uniform if you wish them to, reducing the burden on families for students who will spend less than a year in school. We have listened to our community and will continue to offer support throughout this process.

Current Year 6-9 students (Year 7-10 from September 2021)

From September 2021, the new uniform will be an expectation for **students in Years 7-10** (2021-22), who will adopt the new grey blazer, the new grey trousers or grey tartan skirt.

Most families with children currently in Years 7-9 will be able to take advantage of the payment subsidy we are offering. Details of this are in the chart below:



PE Kit

We will also be updating the PE kit from September. The new kit will show the school house colours, and will be a more modern style. We have worked closely with suppliers to ensure that the kit is easy to wash and wear and offers excellent value for money.

Next steps

We have not taken this decision lightly and we hope to give adequate time for everyone to prepare for the change. There will be more information in the near future to keep you up to date with these changes. In the meantime, we hope to have your support and backing for this important step in the school's journey to being world class.

Get in touch

If you would like more information you can see our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page, fill out our [feedback form](#) or contact head@coltonhills.co.uk.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our school, your child's progress and securing the highest expectations for all.

Mrs A Stephens – headteacher