

Dear Parents & Carers,

When we started the year we introduced a split lunch in school. This is going extremely well, we have seen a considerable drop in issues at lunch time, plus a reduction in queuing times, mainly due to the reduction in numbers.

We have however encountered a glitch, that being, that it is not easy to be able to visually differentiate between Year 9 and Year 10 and as such lunchtime supervisors and staff can sometimes find they are moving the wrong children to the wrong place.

After careful reflection we decided that we would introduce a new tie for year 10, but in doing this it would then be very strange for year 11, despite having black blazers to keep their tie, as year 10 would move up to year 11 next year.

I am conscious that parents may have already bought a new tie this year and didn't want anyone to face hardship, so instead we have bought a new tie for your child which they are now wearing! You may have younger children to whom you can give the original tie, or your child may want to keep their tie as a keepsake; but if you have no further use for it please will you return it to school where we can put it to good use for younger children who forget or lose theirs, thank you.

You will notice the new blue and black tie does not have the school logo, this was purposeful as it significantly reduces cost. In line with new government legislation, all schools must look at ways to reduce the cost of uniforms to parents where they can.

I will take this opportunity to remind you, that if you want your child to wear trousers that are not from steady schoolwear, bring the trousers of your choice to school and once approved, we will issue a voucher for you to take to steady schoolwear so they can affix a logo for you, in so doing this keeps costs down too.

With kindest regards,

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