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Dear Stakeholders,

School Uniform Consultation

We are writing to inform you that we will soon begin a consultation process regarding our school uniform policy, in light of changes to government guidance.

As part of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, new national guidance requires schools in England to limit the number of branded uniform items to three (plus a tie). This change aims to reduce the financial burden of school uniform on families.

At Sir Christopher Hatton Academy, we are committed to ensuring that our community is fully involved in this process. Therefore, we want to ensure that students, parents and carers, staff and other stakeholders have the opportunity to contribute to the updated policy. Your feedback will play a key role in shaping a uniform that reflects both our school's values and the needs of our community.

Key Proposed Changes

1. **Branded items** – The Academy branded items will be limited to:
 - o Blazer
 - o Blue PE Top
 - o Academy Jumper
 - o Tie

This is in line with the new government guidance.

2. **Skirt option** – An Academy-approved skirt will be introduced. This is not compulsory; students may continue to wear trousers if preferred. Where students opt to wear a skirt, it must be the Academy branded option.
3. **PE Kit** – Black branded PE shorts will no longer be compulsory. Instead, students may wear plain black shorts purchased from the high street, provided they do not display a logo. Lycra shorts are not permitted.
4. **Jumper option** – A black Academy-branded jumper will be available as an optional item. If students wish to wear a jumper, it must be this version. Substituting another black jumper will not be permitted.

Alongside these changes, we are also going out to tender with uniform suppliers to ensure we achieve the best possible value for money for families, while maintaining quality and consistency. We aim to finalise these arrangements early in 2026.

You can view the draft uniform policy [here](#). The consultation period will take place from Wednesday 19th November until Thursday 4th December. Any comments can be made to whitet@hattonacademy.org.uk throughout the consultation period.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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