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Dear Parent/Carer,

Uniform – September 2021

I am pleased to announce that we are improving our uniform for our new intake of Year 7s from this September 2021. The change is being introduced to improve the current standard of uniform being worn by the students at the academy to ensure that we have a smart uniform that is a representation of the high standards we uphold.

The main change to the uniform is our core colour becoming red alongside black and a choice of a kilt rather than a skirt. The kilt will ensure that there is no dispute or confusion over skirt lengths. This allows us to offer a gender neutral uniform policy that is exactly the same for male and female students. Please remember if students do not wish to wear the kilt, they can also choose to wear black trousers should they prefer.



I am particularly keen to roll out the new uniform from September with our Year 8s and Year 9s, however, to minimise expense we will have a staggered approach to the change in uniform. We would like all students in Year 8 and Year 9 to be in the new uniform by September 2022. I also appreciate that we have students who have a limited amount of time left at the academy, therefore we will not be expecting our Year 10s and Year 11s to change their uniform. As stocks of the old uniform diminish at our suppliers if you need to replace a tie for instance (which will be red and silver) we would not expect you to also purchase a matching blazer with the new red logo until September 2022. If you are your son/daughter is in Year 10 and 11 you may have some mis-matches in uniform until you graduate to Sixth Form. This will mean there will be some clashes in uniform for the next 18 months.

PE Kit

We are also really excited to announce that we have redesigned our BEA PE kit to be in line with the changes to the academy uniform.

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- Students have feedback that they have really enjoyed wearing their PE kit for the full school day. This has greatly improved our engagement rates in PE and allowed students to take full advantage of the full hour of a PE lesson.
- This year due to Covid-19 we allowed students to wear plain black top and bottoms for PE lessons. However, from September 2021 in PE lessons it is expected students to be wearing full BEA PE kit, whether that is the current PE kit or the new PE kit.
- We have also added a number of items to our PE kit that students are welcome to wear. This includes branded leggings, branded skinny tracksuit pants and a branded shower proof coat. We firmly believe that students need to feel comfortable in the PE kit and therefore made adequate adjustments to support this.
- Please note as of September 2021 the BEA PE Hoodie will no longer be a part of the PE kit. We have removed the hoodie so we can promote safe practice in PE and in line with current health and safety guidance for PE lessons these are required to be removed during any contact or non-contact invasion games or activity. Students safety is paramount for us in PE and therefore we have decided to make this decision. As part of the new PE kit students will have the option of a round neck sweatshirt or a 1/4 zip mid layer to wear as an additional layer for PE.

We appreciate that some of you may have recently purchased a hoodie and we will allow students wear to the academy from September 2021-2022 (in Year 8 and above) but they will NOT be able to wear during the PE lesson due to health & safety, as explained above.

New PE Items	Items no longer part of the PE Kit (As of September 2021)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEA Polo Top (Red) • BEA 1/4 Zip Midlayer (Black and Red) • BEA Round Neck Sweatshirt (Red) • BEA Skinny Tracksuit Pants (Black) • BEA Leggings (Black) • BEA Showerproof Jacket (Red and Black) • Plain black shorts • Plain black skirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEA Hoodie • Plain black tops • Sport branded black tops • Other sport branded items for leggings or tracksuit bottoms

I hope the advance notice will enable you to plan your uniform purchases for the new academic year. Should you require financial support please get in touch via our [Contact Us](#) form.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter and for your support for the standards we wish to uphold at Bourne End Academy.

Kind regards



Louise Cowley
Headteacher