



4th July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

The weeks seem to be passing by very quickly as we head towards the end of the summer term. A reminder that we break up on Tuesday 23rd July, 2019 at 12.30pm. The final two days, 22nd & 23rd July are Activities Days and full attendance is expected as usual. All students should have selected their activities by now.

Uniform fitting days

My last letter outlined the days that our different year groups have their uniform fitting for the new items that are being provided by Aspirations (blazer, jumper, tie and PE shirt). If students are not in College on their allocated day, then the 'mop-up' days are: Friday 19th July (2.45 – 4pm) and Thursday 22nd August (10am – 2pm). In response to some questions about PE kit, I am happy to clarify the following and have made some minor adjustments to the Uniform Policy that is attached:

- Shorts, skorts, leggings and tracksuit trousers (with minimal branding) can be purchased from any supplier as long as they meet the College's Uniform Policy requirements.
- Students can continue to wear their current College rugby shirt. When purchasing a new rugby shirt, it should be ordered from Brigade the uniform provider for the Aspirations Academy Trust.
- Navy football socks should be worn for outdoor games. White sport socks or navy football socks can be worn for all other activities.

The new jumper has been the source of most uniform questions. The wearing of this from October half-term to Easter is a requirement in all Aspirations' secondary schools. We will monitor this when that time comes and staff will be reminded about the need for students to be able to remove items of clothing for comfort.

Mrs Warr is leading on all matters relating to uniform and liaising with our supplier, Brigade. Please look on our website or contact Mrs Warr directly if you have any further queries: warri@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk.

Calendar

We are in the process of finalising the calendar for 2019/20 and checking report dates, Parents' Evenings, internal exams, Prize-giving events, schools trips and other events like the College production. It is not an easy process pulling all this together. A final version of the calendar will be published at the end of this summer term on our website. All schools are required to set five Inset Days for training staff. However, when schools become academies, in the first year they are entitled to take two additional days to help with this process of change. This is why next year's calendar has seven non-student days, which will revert to five days in 2020/21. The term dates for 2019/20 have already been shared with you and these are available on our website.

Stationery items

For our new Year 7 intake, we have put together pencil case packs that contain all of the compulsory equipment required for College. As we can purchase the items in bulk this can work out cheaper than students buying the items separately elsewhere. This proved very popular with our new Year 7 students. If any other students want to take advantage of this then all they have to do is visit our Main Office, complete an order form and pay £19.50 for compulsory items or £21.50 for compulsory and recommended items. Payment can be made by cash or cheque.

There is no requirement to buy the items through us; it is just an offer that might help. The pencil case is a clear one that is able to be used for end of course GCSE/A Level exams (this is an exam board requirement). It is not compulsory for students to have a clear case for normal day-to-day use; however, it would save you buying another one when that time comes. Mrs Warr will oversee the use of additional 'Pupil Premium' funding from September 2019. If any students would like support with purchasing essential school items, then do please contact Mrs Warr: warrj@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk.

Subject settings and tutor groups

I have been asked whether there will be any changes to the current class setting arrangements in September 2019. I **can confirm that there will not be any changes to the current class setting arrangements for each year group**. In some cases, the number of teaching groups is being reduced from 10 to 9 and where this is the case, there will be some re-balancing of classes.

There are some changes being made to tutor groups in Years 7-9. We are in the process of informing students if they are in a different tutor group next year, or if they have a different tutor and all students will have been informed by Friday 12th July.

Converting to Academy Status

It probably won't have escaped your attention that Budmouth has, once again, been the subject of lots of media attention in relation to our upcoming conversion to academy status and joining the Aspirations Academy Trust. Budmouth will be the 15th Dorset Secondary School to become an Academy and I can't recall another process gaining as much attention as ours has. There are clearly a wide range of opinions in relation to this.

I met with Sarah Parker (the new Executive Director of People – Children at Dorset Council) on Friday 21st June and was given a very clear instruction that myself, the IEB and other College staff were to continue with all matters related to this process and that we must work to the best of our ability to enable a smooth transfer on 1st September 2019. It was after this meeting therefore that I wrote to parents confirming the arrangements for the fitting and collection of the new uniform being provided by Aspirations. Following the media attention last week, Lord Agnew (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the School System) has also written to Sarah Parker requesting that Dorset Council facilitate the conversion of Budmouth College for 1st September.

Prize-giving

Our Prize-giving took place last night and it was my privilege to be present at such a wonderful event. My thanks go to the staff who worked very hard to bring this together and make it the success it was. If you would like to see a full list of winners, a copy of the programme is on our website under 'Latest News'.

Next year we are holding three separate Prize-giving events: Senior Prize-giving, Junior Prize-giving and a Sports Presentation Evening. This will enable us to say well done to even more deserving students.

Finally...

Yesterday we said farewell to our Year 11 students as they took part in their Graduation Assembly. It was absolutely brilliant to see so many parents and family members come along to wish them well. It was the best attended Graduation on record! My thanks go to the Year 11 team for organising this lovely event. I hope all those who are attending the Prom tomorrow evening have a night to remember, it is lovely to hear that it is going to be the best attended Prom ever. I think this says something about our lovely year group.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



David Herbert

BUDMOUTH COLLEGE – UNIFORM POLICY 2019-22 (YEARS 7-11):

Blazer:

Acceptable: Official Budmouth blazer only.

This is to be worn at all times in the proper manner with sleeves rolled down, unless a member of staff gives specific permission to remove it. During very warm periods the Principal may decide that blazers do not need to be worn.

Not Acceptable: No blazer; pushed up sleeves, any garment other than the school jumper and shirt underneath.

Jumper:

Acceptable: Official Budmouth jumper, compulsory from October half-term to Easter, unless specified otherwise eg an unseasonably warm day.

Not Acceptable: Sweatshirt, non-regulation jumper, fleece, tracksuit, hooded top, waistcoat, cardigan, jumper tucked into trousers or skirt.

Trousers:

Acceptable: Tailored, full length, plain black, classic style made of school conventional material (polyester/viscose in the majority). Any belts should be black.

Not Acceptable: Fashion trousers (denim/corduroy/chino/other materials/hipsters/flares/wide-bottoms/bootlegs/skinny trousers/lycra.

Fashion trousers (skinny, jeggings, flare, stretchy material), leggings.

Studs, visible buttons or trimming.

Shorts.

Skirt

Acceptable: Plain black school skirt, straight in shape or pleated, worn at the waist made of school conventional material. Skirt must sit on the knee or so that the gap between the top of the knee and hem of the skirt is no greater than 5cm.

Not Acceptable: Rolled up skirts. Skirts that are lycra, bodycon or not regulation length. Black skirts with embellishment, patterns.

Shirt

Acceptable: Plain white school shirt tucked in and buttoned at the neck.

Not Acceptable: Casual/fashion shirt. Shirt worn without a tie or with tie tucked in. Sports/hooded tops or coloured t-shirts under shirts. Shirts worn outside trousers. Exposed midriff.

Tie

Acceptable: Budmouth clip on school tie. Budmouth privilege tie.

Not Acceptable: Ties that are not Budmouth. Any tie that has been damaged or has evidence of graffiti must be replaced immediately.

Shoes

Acceptable: Traditional black flat or low heeled leather or vegan alternative school shoes (must be possible to polish). Laces, soles and stitching must be black. Shoes must finish beneath the ankle bone. Black shoes should be worn on the way to and from Budmouth.

Not Acceptable: Trainers (even if black), skate shoes, sandals, boots, fashion/coloured shoes, flip flops, coloured/florescent laces, canvas/fabric shoes or pumps, trimmings i.e. buckle, labels, tags or decorations, high heels, stilettos, platforms, wedges, clog type shoes, sandals/sling backs/backless shoes.

We will reserve the right to decide what represents a trainer, even when the retailer has marketed the shoe as suitable for school.

Socks and tights

Acceptable: Plain black socks. Plain black tights – minimum of 60 denier.

Unacceptable: Any colour other than black, patterned socks or tights, bare feet, socks worn over tights.

Hair, make up and nails

Acceptable: If hair is long it is essential it is tied back for reasons of health and safety in some practical lessons e.g. Science and Technology. Hair must be tied back for PE lessons.
Hairbands must be black and of a maximum width of 50mm.
A maximum of two plain hair slides can be worn.
Hair must not be cut shorter than a Grade 2.
Make up – light foundation, light mascara, clear lip gloss only.
For health and safety reasons in Science, Technology and PE, nails must be kept short.
All hair colours must be of a single natural colour.

Not acceptable: Extremes of style (We reserve the right to decide what is extreme but invites students and parents to ask in advance if they need guidance).
Tram lines or other shaved shapes in hair or eyebrows, hair that is an unnatural colour, decorative attachments worn in the hair, hair extensions, 'Barcodes' in eyebrows.
Make up other than that listed, false eyelashes, nail varnish, nail extensions.

Jewellery

Acceptable: Maximum of two small plain gold or silver stud-like earrings (one in each ear).
One wristwatch. One plain ring on the finger of one hand only. One bracelet. One necklace.

Not acceptable: Extra or large jewellery of any kind.
Any facial or body piercing including the tongue.
Clear plastic studs or bards.
Plasters covering piercings.
No accessories are to be worn around the neck or attached to clothing.
Please note all jewellery must be removed for PE and other practical lessons.

Hijab

Acceptable: Black in colour (white is permitted in the summer term).
Not acceptable: Patterned or any colour other than black (or white in the summer).

Outdoor wear

Acceptable: Coat can be worn over the blazer.

Not acceptable: Hoodie, coat worn without the students' blazer underneath.
Coats worn inside are not permitted.
Caps and hats are not permitted inside the building.

Other

Acceptable: Bras must be plain and not visible through the students' white school shirt.
Not acceptable: Ear phones. Tattoos.

PE kit:

Acceptable: Sports Trainers (with non-marking soles), Football/Rugby boots.
Navy football socks.
Navy blue shorts (not lycra)/plain navy tracksuit trousers/skorts, plain navy sports leggings (polyester material with minimal branding).
Royal blue polo shirt (provided by Aspirations)
Plain navy hooded top (no zips).
Budmouth navy rugby shirt. (When purchasing a new rugby shirt it should be purchased from Brigade.)
Shin pads and gum shields are very strongly recommended.
A plain navy base layer worn under the regulation polo shirt can be worn in cold weather.
Navy football socks should be worn for outdoor games. White sport socks or navy football socks can be worn for all other activities.

Not acceptable: Clothing with Logos.
School jumpers or hooded tops with zips.
Any alternative outer layers, e.g. coats.
Socks other than regulation football socks.
Fashion sport footwear.
Skate shoes.
Plimsolls.
Florescent laces.
Leggings of a cotton material.