

29 August 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 9 uniform orders

Firstly, thank you to you all for aiming to have your child ready for term in this regard. We have had lots of feedback on how nice it looks and feels, and it seems that the vast majority of you have been able to sort everything in good time.

That said, we are aware that some families have had difficulty with the uniform supplier. We have been on their case as much as possible these past few months and share your frustration that in spite of this they have proved unable to fulfil some orders in a timely way.

If you are one of the families in this situation, please do not panic! We are being kept updated as to which families are waiting on what item and so can be flexible if students arrive next week without everything.

We are aware that the main items missing right now are blazers and PE t-shirts, although there are some other items too. We know that some deliveries are due before Wednesday, but some are not, so to help support with preparing your child here are alternatives your child can wear in the meantime:

PE t-shirt: they can wear their PE t-shirt from their previous school; if they have an old-style Wootton PE t-shirt (say, from an older sibling) they could wear that; or they can wear a black/navy t-shirt that is as plain as possible.

Blazer: Where possible students could wear their old school blazer.

Tie: We will be able to loan a tie to your child.

Tartan skirt: Wear a black skirt or school trousers

Jumper: This is an optional item, so don't worry about any alternatives (and the weather is still mild.)

On Wednesday morning we will have a clearer idea of who has received their deliveries and who needs more time for items to arrive.

Once again, thank all of you for your efforts and please do not worry if you haven't got everything you need from the uniform company in time – we can be flexible until it's all sorted. Enjoy the last few days of the holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Kind regards

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