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Dear Parents and Carers

Buckler's Mead Academy - Uniform

I am writing in advance of the summer holiday to clarify our uniform expectations, as I am conscious many of you will soon begin uniform shopping for the new academic year. Over the course of the last few years we have made a number of changes to our uniform policy to ensure our students are smartly presented in a uniform they can take pride in. At Buckler's Mead we have a culture of 'Sky High Expectations' and a smart uniform is a key part of this.

I have outlined some of the key points below and also included with this letter a copy of our full Uniform Expectations, which form part of our 'Behaviour for Learning' policy.

- School Blazers must be worn at all times.
- Shoes should be plain black, flat, leather or leather style, not suede or other fabrics, not boots.
- The wearing of trainers is not permitted. This includes tennis style shoes, 'Converse', 'Vans' pump style shoes, or any other sports style footwear. The decision of the Headteacher regarding footwear is final. Should you be unsure whether a style is suitable, please contact the Pastoral Team who will be happy to support.
- School trousers should be full length and reach the shoe. Leggings or legging style bottoms are not appropriate.
- School skirts should be pleated and be knee length. Stretchy or tube style skirts are not permitted.
- Socks should be plain black with no visible logo and cover the ankle, but not the knee. Short trainer socks are not appropriate.
- A plain black 'V neck' standard knitted school style jumper (not patterned) is worn underneath the blazer. There is no requirement for the jumper to have the Buckler's Mead Academy logo.
- Hair must never be of an extreme style or colour and should not include overt patterns or lines.
- Hair should be natural looking. More than one colour is not acceptable.
- Nail extensions and/or nail varnish are not permitted in any year group and if worn by a student they will be asked to remove it.

Our PE expectations are as follows:

- Purple polo shirt with Buckler's Mead Academy logo
- Plain black shorts/skort
- Buckler's Mead Academy Rugby shirt
- Black Football socks
- Appropriate sports trainers (not fashion trainers)
- Football boots (moulded studs)

Headteacher: Mr M Lawrence BSc Hons.

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Optional items:

- Black sweatshirt with Buckler's Mead Academy logo
- Sports leggings with Buckler's Mead Academy logo

Our uniform has been designed with cost in mind. The only specialist items are the blazer and tie. All other items can be bought from a range of suppliers, both online and on the high street. If you have any issues with the cost of uniform, please contact the academy and we will endeavour to support you if we can.

We really appreciate your support in maintaining our high standards and hope you agree that, when dressed appropriately, our students look incredibly smart. It fills me with pride when visitors comment on how smart our students look. Our 'sky high expectation' of uniform is something that really stands out when I visit other schools.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Lawrence', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MR M LAWRENCE
Headteacher