



# CALLINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Uniform Consultation

As we look toward the next academic year, I am writing to thank parents and carers for their engagement with the official consultation process around new uniform proposals.

As you will be aware, the formal consultation with parents and carers began on 4 April 2017 and concluded on 25 April 2017. We wrote to all parents, and we were pleased that The Cornish Times also helped to publicise the consultation. We provided a dedicated email to collate responses. In addition to this written feedback, parents and carers have had opportunities to view samples and discuss the proposals at Parents Evenings and College events. The views of staff and students have also been taken into consideration.

We were pleased to receive questions, ideas and feedback. Although a range of views were expressed, some common concerns were raised. Please see below:

### **Why do we need a new uniform? Aren't there other things that need greater focus?**

A smart new uniform is a public display that we are on a journey of improvement in everything that we do, and encourages a sense of pride and a culture of respect. The College is working very hard to embed high standards and expectations across all aspects of its work. There is a relentless focus on improving the quality of teaching and learning. Changing the uniform in no way diminishes that focus.

### **Why have you chosen a single uniform supplier, won't this be more expensive?**

BMB (Blue Max Banner) is a reliable firm that has been supplying the College uniform for over 10 years. We are assured of their quality and customer service. The items of uniform that are unique to Callington Community College will continue to be available from Colins of Callington either to order online or purchase in store. The experience of Colins is that they are able to negotiate a better price with a single supplier. The College is delighted to continue to be supporting this local business. As is the case now, items of the uniform that are not unique to the College can be purchased from supermarkets and other retailers.

### **Affordability**

The College is aware that school uniform represents a significant cost for families, and that changing the uniform particularly affects families that have more than one child at the College. In recognition of this, a 10% discount is available on all items purchased or ordered this term through Colins of Callington. The College will also provide financial support in some circumstances, either as part of a payment plan or as a contribution to the cost of the uniform. Please contact the College if you would like to discuss this further. We are also pleased to inform you that the final prices agreed by the supplier BMB are lower than those initially shared with you. Please find attached an updated price list including a comparison of the cost of the current and proposed new uniform and PE kit.

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### **Why have you chosen these colours? Why a blazer and tie?**

The colours have been associated with Callington Community College for many years. It is important to the Local Governing Board, staff and students that the College retains its identity. There is very little choice in school uniform design! A blazer and tie brings the College in line with most other secondary schools.

### **Other comments/views**

- Most people who expressed a preference preferred the blue skirt and felt it would help maintain consistency
- Most people who replied felt that it would be unfair to single out Year 7 students during a major transition process and that if introduced the uniform should be compulsory for Years 7-10 inclusive. Most agreed that it should not be compulsory for Year 11 as they would be wearing it for just over two terms
- The proposed PE kit was extremely popular. Many people asked whether the PE kit could be phased in
- Some people felt the grey jumper should be optional or that the existing navy jumper could be retained
- Many people felt that a smarter uniform would be a very positive change for the College

### **Summary**

The Leadership Team and Governing Body have considered all responses received via the official consultation very carefully. The majority of responses were strongly in favour of changing the uniform. Objections to changing the uniform were received from less than 5% of parents and carers. However, considering feedback, both positive and negative, was an important part of the consultation process and the College has worked hard to alleviate and address concerns when drawing up the final proposal, taking on board and acting upon feedback received.

The Local Governing Board has unanimously agreed therefore, that from September 2017 there will be a new school uniform for students in Year 7 to Year 10 inclusive. The new uniform will be optional for Year 11.

### **The uniform will include:**

- Blue blazer with College badge
- White collared shirt (long or short sleeve)
- College tie
- Blue tartan College skirt or grey formal trousers
- Navy College jumper to be worn under (not instead of) the blazer - optional (the current navy jumper with the logo may still be worn under the blazer)
- Plain black socks (not over the knee or below the ankle) or plain black tights
- Sensible, black flat shoes (leather shoes that can be polished only and not leather trainers e.g. Converse/Vans. No boots, canvas shoes or trainers)

The PE kit will be phased in. Families only need to purchase the new PE kit as and when they need to replace current kit.

### **Next steps:**

The uniform policy will be updated and shared with you in due course, and information regarding the dates and availability of uniform stock will be sent to you very shortly. Colins of Callington will also hold some evenings at the College where you will have an opportunity to size up and order some of the items.

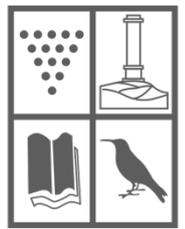
We again thank all those who took part in the consultation process, and look forward to liaising with parents and carers to help ensure its smooth implementation ready for the new academic year.

Finally, I would like to reassure you that whilst we believe this decision is a positive change, it is just one of the many ways in which the College is working hard to make improvements, in order to ensure that it provides an outstanding education for its students.

Yours sincerely



**K Milton (Mrs)**  
**Chair of Governors**  
**Callington Community College**



## Callington Community College New Uniform



Blazer (Boys) from £29-£34  
**NEW PRICE £27 - £32**



Blazer (Girls) from £29-£34  
**NEW PRICE £27 - £32**



Grey trousers (Boys)  
Individual retail prices



Tie £5.50  
**NEW PRICE £4.79**



Grey trousers (Girls)  
Individual retail prices

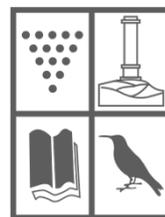


Tartan pleated skirt  
**NEW PRICE £16.99 – £21.50**



White collared shirt  
(Long or short sleeve)  
Individual retail prices

The current navy jumper will remain as part of the optional element of the uniform (to be worn under, not instead of the blazer)



## Callington Community College New PE Kit



Boys  
Short sleeve training top from £15 - £18  
**NEW PRICE £13 - £15**



Girls



Training Top from £22 - £26.50  
**NEW PRICE £20 - £24**



Boys shorts from £11.70 - £14  
**NEW PRICE £11 - £13**



Socks £7  
**NEW PRICE £6-7**



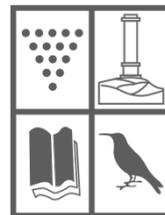
Training pants (Optional) from £20 - £24  
**NEW PRICE £19 - £22**



**Either** Girls shorts from £11.70 - £14  
**NEW PRICE £11 - £13**



**or** Leggings from £16 - £24  
**NEW PRICE £14 - £17**



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### New Uniform and PE Kit Price Comparison

<u>Current Uniform</u>			<u>New Uniform</u>		
	Lowest	Highest		Lowest	Highest
Cardigan <i>or</i>	£ 16.59	£ 26.40	Blazer	£ 27.00	£ 32.00
Jumper	£ 15.99	£ 26.35	Shirts (Tesco twin pack)	£ 5.50	£ 5.50
Polo shirts (Most families buy two)	£ 9.45	£ 11.45	Tie	£ 4.79	£ 4.79
Skirt <i>or</i>	£ 12.00	£ 16.00	Trousers <i>or</i>	£ 14.99	£ 21.50
Trousers	£ 14.29	£ 20.29	Tartan Skirt	£ 16.99	£ 21.50
Total	£ 49.78	£ 69.59	Total	£ 54.28	£ 63.79
			With 10% discount	£ 48.85	£ 57.41
			<b>Potential saving</b>	<b>£ 0.93</b>	<b>£ 12.18</b>

The new PE Kit will be phased in for students in Year 8 – 10.

Families of students in Year 8 – 10 only need to purchase the new PE kit as and when they need to replace current kit.

<u>Current PE Kit</u>			<u>New PE Kit</u>		
	Lowest	Highest		Lowest	Highest
Rugby Shirt	£ 16.99	£ 20.29	1/4 zip training top	£ 20.00	£ 24.00
Sports polo shirt	£ 9.45	£ 11.45	Training top	£ 13.00	£ 15.00
Football shorts	£ 8.00	£ 8.49	Training shorts	£ 11.00	£ 13.00
Socks	£ 4.60	£ 6.35	Socks	£ 6.00	£ 7.00
Total	£ 39.04	£ 46.58	Total	£ 50.00	£ 59.00
			With 10% discount	£ 45.00	£ 53.10
			<b>Additional cost</b>	<b>£ 5.96</b>	<b>£ 6.52</b>