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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to inform you that Giles Academy will be introducing a new uniform from September 2017. This will initially be compulsory for Y7 and Y12.

The main emphasis of this change is to ensure that parents are getting the best service and high quality uniform at a reasonable price.

After consultation with parents regarding our existing uniform we concluded that the revised uniform was:

- More fit for purpose
- Smarter
- Easier for parents to purchase
- More cost effective. (If we were to continue selling our existing uniform, there would have to be an increase in cost).

At present we sell the uniform at the school. During the summer holidays, uniform was only available on certain dates and times. For some parents, this, in itself, caused problems as they could not come in to school to collect it at that particular time.

With this in mind, we have now contracted Nationwide Uniforms in Spilsby to supply our uniform. Parents will have four options to purchase and receive this.

- Visit the shop and buy uniform outright
- Order online through Nationwide and collect from the shop
- Order online through Nationwide and collect from the school (free service)
- Order online through Nationwide and have it delivered to your home for a small price

There will be a link on our website that you can use to take you to their site.

New look for the future

The new uniform will include some changes.

- Darker grey jacket for students in Years 7 to 11. Parents felt that the light grey jacket marked too easily and was difficult to maintain.
- Matching trousers and skirts will only be purchased from Nationwide Uniforms and will be in the same grey as the jackets.
- The girls' jacket will be more tailored.
- Sixth form jackets will not have the school logo. This will allow students to wear them for interviews as and when needed.
- Plain black swimming costume. Nationwide will be selling a black costume, but you can also purchase one elsewhere.
- Ties will change slightly for the whole school. KS3 and 4 will still wear a clip on tie or plain red bow tie.

Timeline

Current Y7 to Y10 and Y13 students will be able to continue to wear the existing uniform until Sept 2018. This will be available from Nationwide Uniforms. Please be aware, however, that once the existing uniform items are sold, especially in the popular sizes, we will not be ordering anymore. Therefore, once the existing uniform items are out of stock, it will be necessary to purchase new uniform items (including uniform trousers/skirts).

To help with the transition, we will be holding uniform sales from now until July, where some items can be bought at highly discounted prices. These will be advertised on our website.

We will shortly update our website with the new look uniform.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher