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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the contributions to the uniform consultations. We sought views on our proposal from parents and carers, students, staff, and our wider community.

We have reviewed and discussed this feedback, and, in this communication, I want to confirm the uniform for Year 7 September 2024 intake.

All Students:

- Black **branded** blazer with OSA logo
- Black round neck unbranded sweatshirt
- White polo shirt
- Black trousers or optional kilt
- Black shoes or black trainers

PE kit (no change from current uniform):

- Purple **branded** polo top (no change from current uniform)
- Black round neck unbranded sweatshirt (as above) or optional branded reversible rugby shirt
- Plain black; jogging bottoms or shorts
- Black socks and trainers

Response to consultation

We calculated our costs based on the need to buy multiple items of certain uniform pieces and using the cost from the current uniform suppliers. For clarity I have included below the specific elements required to meet our uniform policy.

Current Uniform		Proposed Uniform	
Item	Cost	Item	Cost
Purple Jumper	£20	Black Jumper	£9
Tie	£6.95	Blazer	£27.95
Purple branded polo top	£14.25	Purple branded polo top	£14.75
Reversible Sports Shirt	£16.65		
Cost	£57.85	Cost	£51.70



We did include the cost of school shoes and trainers as part of the current uniform. We accept we have already allowed students to wear black trainers to school and therefore this saving has already been included in our current uniform.

- **Transition Period for Existing Year Groups**

We have listened to feedback from our current families and want to make the transition as smooth as possible. Only the incoming Year 7 students will be expected to wear the new uniform from September 2024. All current students can continue to wear the current Oxford Spires uniform for the duration of their time at Oxford Spires. They can move over to the new uniform if they wish.

NB. Over the next two years the uniform suppliers will need to prepare to stop the production of purple jumpers and ties and manage stock levels. If stocks sell out over this time, then students will be expected to wear the plain black jumper and blazer. We will continue to promote a second-hand shop for the current OSA uniform.

- **Summer Uniform and PE Kit Option**

The summer uniform will remain as initially detailed in the original consultation. Should we experience intense hot weather, we will modify the uniform policy to ensure students can be comfortable in school.

- **PE Polo Top**

Students will have the option of wearing their PE polo on days when they have PE. We will be expecting students to change into their white polo after PE lessons for hygiene reasons.

- **More Purple in the Uniform**

We have listened to the feedback from students who expressed a desire for more purple in the uniform. However, if we make the blazer more bespoke (and purple) it will mean parents and carers will be limited to one supplier. We have decided to continue to keep the blazer smart and black with no additional purple.

- **Kilt as a Gender-Neutral Option**

We understand that there were mixed reactions to the introduction of the kilt. After students have had the opportunity to see and experience the kilt, it has become evident that it is a smart and viable option. We are including the kilt as an optional item for students.



- **New Year 7**

All students joining Oxford Spires in Year 7 will receive additional support with the purchase of new uniform in the absence of a second-hand uniform shop. This support will continue for the next two academic years as we build up a second-hand uniform shop for incoming parents.

New parents will still be able to utilise the second-hand uniform for all items except the plain black jumper and blazer.

- **The House System**

Students have shared they want to see more House colours in the uniform. To support this, we have redesigned the badge on blazers and sports polos to include more House colours. We have included a graphic of this below.



The uniform consultation has now closed, and I wish to thank all parents and carers for their continued support.

Kind regards

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Headteacher