

Subject: Hayle Academy Uniform Consultation

Dear parents and carers,

At Hayle Academy, we are proud of our students and the positive way in which they represent our school. Over recent times, we have been reviewing and updating our uniform and appearance policy to ensure it reflects our values and identity. We believe that a consistent standard of appearance and uniform may act as a social leveller by creating a common sense of identity amongst students and giving them a sense of belonging. It brings everyone to the same 'starting line' each day and sets a positive tone in our school. It may also reduce bullying and peer pressure to wear the latest fashion or other expensive clothes.

We are proposing some minor changes to our policy and a draft version is attached. In particular, please look at pages 6-8 in the policy. To summarise the changes, which would take effect from September 2022:

- We propose to continue phasing out the blazer from our dress code as an expensive and increasingly outdated aspect of the uniform. For students in Years 8-11, the blazer is optional and may be replaced with a branded school V-neck jumper available from Trophy Textiles. All students in starting Year 7 will be expected to wear the branded v-neck jumper.
- We propose to continue the flexible arrangements allowing black shoes or trainers to be worn (providing no logos are visible)
- On jewellery, we propose that one small plain ring will be allowed alongside wrist watch, one pair of small stud earrings

You are invited to offer your views on this via the survey link below. If you would like to contribute to this survey, please do so by Friday 8th April.

<https://forms.gle/TXpWZEksG1BKkP3n6>

Kind regards,

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