

15 July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather is due to get warmer next week and therefore we have decided to make some minor adjustments to our uniform expectations to support students.


Students will not be expected to bring their blazer or tie to the academy from Monday 18th July to Thursday 21st July. In addition, students will be welcome to open their top button whilst in the academy. A large number of students have chosen to continue wearing their blazers this week and any student who would like to continue wearing their uniform in full is able to do so.

We have supplied students with hundreds of additional bottles of water this week and whilst we will have more available next week I would encourage all students to bring a bottle from home that they can refill during their break and lunchtime. It is also advisable for students to wear sun protection and they may like to consider bringing a cap to walk home in.

This is not a permanent change to our uniform policy but an adjustment for next week only. Please don't assume that on hot days in September or beyond that this action will always be taken. Students should always plan to bring their full uniform. I have begun discussions with colleagues within our trust about long-term planning for hot weather in future years. I am grateful to the parents' forum for their considered and thoughtful feedback when meeting with me on Wednesday 13th July.

Please do enjoy the warm weather over the weekend but it would be advisable to remind your sons and daughters about the risks of extended exposure to the sun without protection as well as the dangers of swimming in open water.

Yours sincerely,



**Rob Southern**  
**Head of School**