



WOLVERHAMPTON

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Uniform

As WGS approaches its Quincentenary, we wish to use the opportunity of the 500th anniversary to continue our quest to improve the school uniform.

We took the first steps towards brightening and smartening up the uniform in 2009 when we reintroduced a blazer badge and a grey V-neck jumper. From September 2011, we wish to take this improvement to the next stage by introducing grey trousers for boys in Years 7 – 11, a grey kilt for girls in Years 7 & 8 and straight skirt for girls in Years 10 and 11. Girls in year 9 can choose either the skirt or the kilt and, of course, all girls can also opt to wear grey trousers if they prefer. The grey trousers and skirts will help to further brighten up the uniform and, since we wish all items to be bought from the school's supplier, Buxton and Bonnett, the confusion that has existed about the length of skirt, or types of fabric preferred, will be removed.

To mark the Quincentenary, the Student Development Committee and I have finally whittled down the huge number of entries received for the *Design a tie* competition. The committee discussed their shortlist with me and we've gone for a design submitted by Isobel Sharma (8P), which is primarily red with black and white lines, as the Quincentenary tie. The new tie will replace all other ties up to the Sixth Form.

Also for the 500th anniversary, we are planning to add the rest of our Founder's coat of arms to our blazer badge. The badge will be embossed onto new blazers and will be available separately for parents who will not be buying a new blazer for September. The current badge will continue to be used as the crest for the school V-necks and sports kit.

We have been very keen to set prices at a reasonable level and all items of uniform will be available at the Buxton and Bonnett shop and online from their website. All items will be returnable if sizes are wrong and we will contact you as soon as the tie and blazer badge are available to order.

In closing, I do hope that our efforts to go on improving the uniform will be supported by parents. I want our students to be the smartest in Wolverhampton in every sense and the uniform, in my view, says so much about our school, our history, our traditions and our very high standards.

With best wishes,

Vincent Darby
Head