6th April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

I just wanted to write to you to let you know that we are changing the PE kit from September 2017.

Our current PE kit has been in operation for some years and unfortunately it is not fit for purpose and does not represent what we stand for as a school in terms of our High Expectations, High Aspirations and High Standards.

In order to support parents/families, as I am aware of financial pressure we would of course do a phased introduction of the kit.

I wanted to give you as much warning as possible as I did not want you to be buying the old kit thinking you were planning ahead.

We have tried to keep the new kit as cost effective as possible. We have consulted with a student group and listened to their views too. We want our students to look smart and want them to feel valued and important. Since Mr Burbidge has taken over as Director of Sport and Performance we have really increased the profile of Sport and have had major successes in local and National events. We therefore would like all our young people to feel a part of this by wearing our new PE kit with pride.

Our proposal is that the new PE kit would be compulsory from September 2017 for:

* Year 7 students
* Students who represent the school in Extra Curricular Sport
* Sports Ambassadors and Leaders

For all our other young people we would operate a phased introduction, resulting in all students having the full new kit by January 2018. However, if the students want the new kit from September 2017 they would be encouraged to do this. As detailed below for boys and girls, students will need to purchase everything from the compulsory pack and then have the option to purchase any extra kit they may need or want. This may particularly be the case if a student studies GCSE PE or plays for a school team and wishes to buy the warm up performance top. All products can be viewed online at [www.boteler.org.uk/school-uniform](http://www.boteler.org.uk/school-uniform)

**Boys Compulsory Pack**

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| Students Compulsory Pack - Boys | Cost (small boys – youth) | Cost (small – XXL) |
| Blade T-Shirt | £11.00 | £12.60 |
| Blade Short | £9.25 | £10.50 |
| Classic Sock | £3.50 | £4.20 |
| Rugby Shirt | £15.00 | £18.00 |

**Girls Compulsory Pack**

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| Students Compulsory Pack - Girls | Cost (small – youth) | Cost (small – XXL) |
| Blade T-Shirt | £11.00 | £12.60 |
|  Blade Skort | £17.00 | £19.80 |
| Classic Sock | £3.50 | £4.20 |

**\*Girls may wish to wear the shorts instead of the skort. If students wish to be part of a school team a skort must be purchased. Leggings can also be purchased as an optional item if preferred.**

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| Optional Products | Cost (small – youth) | Cost (small – XXL) |
| GCSE PE Polo Shirt |  £13.80 |
| Warm-up Performance Top |  £21.00 |
| Blade Short | £9.25 | £10.50 |
| Tracksuit Bottoms |  £21.60 |
| Waterproof Jacket |  £19.20 |
| Girls Leggings | £14.50 | £17.30 |

The kit supplier will hold a sizing event at school on **Thursday 29th June 3-6pm and Monday 3rd July from 6pm.** Students will be able to try the different products. Parents/carers will be able to complete orders online via our bespoke school shop. The website address will be sent out to all parents and carers in due course. Orders can be delivered to a private address for a cost of £5.95 per order; alternatively, orders can be delivered to school free of charge during term time only. Delivery is likely to be twice a month. Students can then collect orders at the end of the school day only from the school office.

We hope that students will continue to wear their PE kit with pride and this rebranding will create a sense of identity which reflects our High Expectations, High Aspirations and High Standards.

Yours faithfully



Mrs B Scott – Herron

Headteacher