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Dear Parent/Carer,

Abbey College Uniform: Exciting opportunity to have your say

Just over two months ago representatives from the student body joined the Senior Leadership Team at Abbey College to discuss student views on their uniform. They wanted clarification on the current expectations but also wanted to express their view on a possible change of the uniform worn by all students. They wanted a uniform they would be proud to wear, not only at school but to a future interview. They wanted a uniform that was more aspirational and smart.

As a result the Senior Leadership Team enlisted Sophie, Emily and Chloe (students in Year 9) to recruit a representative group of students to begin a Uniform Committee. The team have since met at least once a week, consulted the entire current student body in assemblies, demonstrated the possibilities at break and lunch time and met with representative from the Governing Body. Ms McCrory has been in constant communication with the manager of School Plus and researched best price and quality from all suppliers. We apologise if you have already visited the shop.

Is there any consultation events with parents?

If your child is due to join Abbey College in September we would like to invite you to a consultation event on Monday 25th April from 5pm-6pm, however, if space permits parents of existing students are welcome to attend this event too. Alternatively, there will be an additional session on Wednesday 27th April, 5-6pm in the south hall. At these events you will have:

- the opportunity to hear the rationale for change directly from the student committee, Ms Chalkley (Assistant Headteacher) and Ms McCrory (Lead Learner);
- view the proposed uniform;
- give your say on the uniform;
- ask questions.

Can my son or daughter attend the consultation event?

All students have had the opportunity to have their say and pose questions in their assemblies already and to ensure we will have enough space for as many parents as possible we would ask that students of current students do not attend.

We hope that you are able to attend the consultation event as we value your views. To ensure we have enough chairs out in the hall, please confirm your attendance by email (office@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk) or by telephoning on 01487 812352 by 21st April 2016.

Yours faithfully,

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