

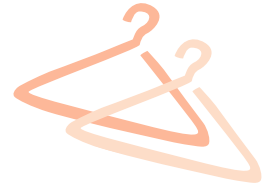
WEEKLY BULLETIN

 John Ferneley College

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Uniform Special



Dear Parents/Carers,

One of the first things I did when I arrived at John Ferneley was to talk to students about how I was keen to hear their ideas for what they wanted to do to change and improve the school. It is of course, as much 'their' school as any other stakeholder, be it parent or member of staff. I am very clear that student voice matters in any successful institution. Many students approached me about their unhappiness over the current uniform. So, we agreed to set up a working party of students and staff to explore new ideas. My take on uniform was very clear. If we make changes, it has to be to ensure that our uniform performs three basic functions:

- That it is affordable
- That it is functional
- That it is hard wearing

As a parent of twins I know only too well the expense that school uniforms can run to on a yearly basis. I am also minded that the variability of our climate means that we need something that is warm in winter and cool in summer. Finally, anything we ask parents to buy should be good value for money and should last. The recent Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill introduced by the Government has also indicated that it will ban schools from imposing numerous expensive school-branded items as part of any school uniform. I am wholeheartedly in agreement with that.

As with all change, there will be some that disagree. However, what I do hope is that they understand and agree with the process and the rationale. The changes we have made have been driven by students, are a result of consultation with all stakeholders and are a demonstration that we are listening to student voice. Therefore, our expectation is that all students will abide by the uniform policy that they have helped to create.

The following information makes clear what students can wear, and importantly, what they cannot wear. It makes clear the choices they have and it makes very clear our expectations and the consequence of students choosing not to follow the policy.

I want to see John Ferneley students being proud to wear their uniform that is truly their uniform. I look forward to seeing them positively represent the school in this way.

Mr Claridge
Headteacher



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



March/April 2025

- *Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day*
- *Thursday 20th and Friday 21st March - Y9 CPR training*
- *End of Term - Thursday 10th April 2025*
- *Inset Day - 11th April 2025 - no students on-site*
- *Term begins - Monday 28th April 2025 - all year groups back on this day*

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2025



- **Non-uniform day (suggested donation of £1 via school gateway or in cash on the day)**
- **Red Nose Cupcakes**
- **Beat the Goalie**
- **Staff Stocks**



Bring some extra cash on the day if you can!

College Open Events

JFC
FUTURES

- SMB Brooksby Campus – land based and agriculture open day – 5th April – 10am-1pm
- Grantham college – 30th April – 5.30-7pm
- If you are interested in attending any of these please look on the college website for more information and to register attendance