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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, we have been consulting with students, parents/carers, staff and the Trustee Board on our current uniform, thank you to parents/carers for your involvement in this. I am delighted to share with you that Biddick Academy students will wear a new uniform from September 2021.

The rationale for change was student led, our Student Council, who represent the views of their peers were in favour of a school uniform review as they requested to be able to wear a blazer. We feel proud of our students for using the correct channels to initiate change, it is an excellent example of Student Voice working in practice. We welcome the change as a positive one, it enables us to continue to strengthen our Academy ethos of high expectations and aspiration and will further support our students with their sense of pride in attending Biddick Academy.

The new uniform will be compulsory for all students who attend Biddick Academy for all year groups from September 2021. The uniform will change to a blazer, trousers, white collared shirt (short or long sleeved) and a new tie. Students can choose to wear the new Biddick Academy tartan skirt, rather than trousers, if they wish. The skirt is an optional item, but only the Biddick Academy tartan skirt is allowed, other types/styles of skirt are not permitted. There are no changes to the PE kit.

We have given careful consideration to the cost of our new uniform and hope that by limiting the number of compulsory items and by discounting both the blazer and tie, that we have made the introduction of our new uniform as affordable as possible.

As this is the first year of the new uniform, the cost of the new Academy blazer and new Academy tie will be **discounted by 50% for students who will be in Year 8 to Year 11 in September 2021, if you choose to take up this discount, the total cost for the blazer and tie will be £15.60.** This 50% reduction is for one blazer and one tie per child only. Additional or subsequent purchases will be at the usual cost. The above mentioned discount is only for academic year 2021-22, it will not be repeated.

Item	Status	Purchased from	Usual Cost	Cost for 2021 only
Biddick Academy Blazer	Compulsory	Our uniform supplier	£27.99	£12.60
Biddick Academy Tie	Compulsory	Our uniform supplier	£5.99	£3.00
Biddick Academy Skirt	Optional	Our uniform supplier	£19.99	
Grey school trousers	Compulsory	Available from a wide range of shops		
Grey v-neck knitted jumper	Optional	Available from a wide range of shops		

We fully understand that circumstances vary from family to family and there is a Biddick Academy Access Fund for any family who may need additional support. We would ask that you contact Mrs Dickson, Deputy Headteacher, if you have any immediate concerns.

We are excited to share the images of our new uniform with you below, you will notice that there is more than one option. This is because our students will have the final vote on the choice of blazer and tie that they prefer. This we feel, is a fitting conclusion to the process that they started. Voting will take place on Thursday. Once the final vote is counted, we will share the winning design with you. Further information of where and how to buy the new uniform will then shortly follow.



We hope you will embrace these changes, inevitably not everyone will be in agreement, however it is important that we act upon our students' views where we are able to do so.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr T. Delf
Senior Deputy Headteacher