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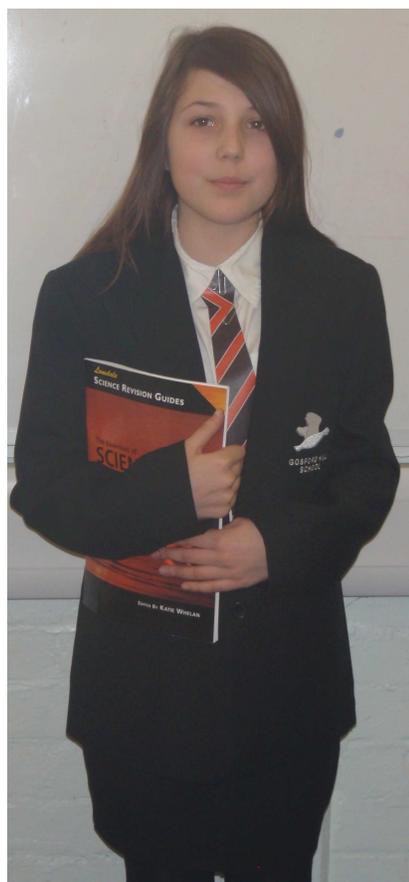
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## **OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM**

I am delighted to share with you the new school uniform recently approved by Governors. I would like to thank all of the parents who contributed to our consultation evening last October and to all the letters of support I have received. I would also like to thank all the members of the Uniform Working Party, the Governors and in particular Steve Fisher for his dedication and eye for detail.

My final thanks go to the student leadership team for their continued support to get the uniform design right and their excellent House tie designs. I am certain that this new smart uniform will help us all focus on meeting the challenge to Learn Lead Inspire.

**Dr Stephen Bizley**



Details of the new Uniform Policy  
can be found on the school website:

[www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk)

**Black ties, incorporating  
House colours, have  
been designed by the  
Student Leadership  
Team**



## First blazer and tie free for current Years 7, 8 and 9

Gosford Hill School Governors have decided that a fitting way to launch the new school uniform would be to ensure that all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 would be provided with one free blazer and tie. New students, in Year 7, arriving in September will also receive one free blazer and tie.

Following the Governors decision to move to the new uniform a committee was set up to consider how it should be implemented. A number of factors were considered in reaching the decision to subsidise the new uniform. These included:

1. Consultation with other governing bodies which had gone through this process advised that the financial aspects often caused difficulty to many parents and students.
2. It is important that the focus from September is on learning and teaching and not on dealing with uniform compliance.
3. There is a significant number of parents who have more than one child at the school which a change to a new uniform could have resulted in severe financial difficulty. The current economic climate also adds to this issue.
4. The school currently administers the sale of sweatshirts and PE kit. A markup is made on the cost from suppliers to cover administration. For the current year the balance on the sweatshirt account has not been transferred into the school's main accounts. Governors considered, and it was agreed, that this balance should be used to support the introduction of the new uniform in recognition that these funds exist as a result of parental spending on the existing uniform.

### What's happening and when?

	Current Year 7, 8 and 9	Current Year 10	Year 6
New Uniform Launch	Easter Newsletter		
Blazer fitting	w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	Y10 consultation w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	Return order form by 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2010
Uniform Collection	w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2010	September 2010	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2010 (Transfer Evening)

### What about Year 10?

**Current Year 10 students and parents** will be consulted in the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> April. Students and parents opting to wear the new uniform will have 75% of the cost of a blazer and tie reimbursed to them if the items, received by the school, have been cleaned and are in good condition. Sweatshirts will continue to be made available but at the reduced price of £8, which is effective immediately.

### Who is the uniform provider for the blazer and tie?

Your authorised school uniform provider is Simply Schoolwear and their website is: [www.simplyschoolwear.co.uk/shop/gosford\\_hill](http://www.simplyschoolwear.co.uk/shop/gosford_hill) (please note the \_ between gosford and hill)

Other parts of the uniform are also available from Simply Schoolwear – please go to their website for details.

The contact telephone is: 0800 404 6644 and their postal address is: 1 London Street, Faringdon, SN7 7AE.

**Please note** name tags are provided – please make sure the uniform is the right size before putting the name tag in as Simply Schoolwear are unable to accept refunds or exchanges for garments that have been name tagged.