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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Re: New Intake Day at Biddulph High School on Thursday 20 June 2024

On Thursday 20 June 2024, we will hold our New Intake Day for students from Woodhouse Academy, James Bateman Middle School and other local schools. This is an exciting time, and this day provides our future students with an opportunity to become familiar with our school.

Year 8 students will spend a full day in school, meeting their new Form Tutors and sampling a range of lessons. Students should **arrive at the school before 8.40 am**, wearing their **current school uniform**, where they will be directed to an assembly point with their new form group. In addition to bringing their own writing materials, **students should ensure they bring their PE kit** as they may have the opportunity to participate in sporting activities, either in lessons or during lunchtime. Students will **leave Biddulph High School at 3.05 pm**. Please ensure you have made appropriate arrangements for your child to travel home.

All students will be expected to stay on site during lunchtime, in their dedicated year group social area. Students can purchase food and drink at break and lunchtime and should **bring cash** if they wish to do this. Any entitlement to Free School Meals will apply. Alternatively, students can bring a packed lunch.

After school, we would like to invite you and your child to attend the New Intake Parents' Evening. **The evening will start in the school Hall at 6.00 pm promptly** with a short presentation by Mrs Robinson, Headteacher, and Mr D Woolhouse, Head of Year 9. Even if you feel familiar with our school, it is important you attend. *We politely ask that due to the number of students in this year group and the size of our Hall that, where possible, you limit your party to a maximum of 3 people.*

Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's new Form Tutor. This will give you the chance to ask any questions or raise any concerns that you might have. Members of the wider Pastoral Team and Miss R Davies, SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator), will also be available should you wish to speak to them.

We also require you to complete the Consent and Data Collection Sheet, by Friday 14 June 2024, using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Mnd4zzpQyc>. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact us on 01782 523977 and we will provide you with an alternative method.

Biddulph High School has a clear uniform policy which is attached to this letter and is also available on our school website. To reduce the cost to families, we have limited our compulsory branded uniform to just 3 items – blazer, tie and PE polo shirt. All other items can be bought from any retailer *but must be of the approved style*. I would draw your attention particularly to the **approved style of skirt or trousers** and the **approved style of shoes**. If you are unsure about any item that you intend to purchase, please contact the school and we will be happy to advise you.



Clive Mark and Smart Uniform will be holding a uniform sale in the School Hall on **Saturday 22 June 2024** from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm, and no appointment is necessary. Alternatively, you can visit the uniform suppliers at their retail shops or purchase online; their addresses are at the end of the uniform policy below.

This is an exciting but nervous time for our new students, and we know that providing them with this opportunity, to spend time at the school before September, helps them to settle in. By meeting their Form Tutors and sampling a range of lessons they will become more familiar with our school and staff.

We appreciate that you may have questions before the September start date, and you can contact the school at office@biddulphhigh.co.uk or by calling 01782 523977. We also recommend that you follow us on our official social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, to get regular updates on school life.

We are all looking forward to meeting your child on Thursday 20 June 2024.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs E Robinson
Headteacher

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BIDDULPH HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

We have a school uniform policy which is publicised regularly both to students and parents/carers and which we expect all students and parents / carers to support. Our policy is designed to reflect the need for a standard of dress which is smart and reflects a clear identity for Biddulph High School.

The reasons for having this policy are that:

- School uniform is an effective way of preventing the differentiation between and discrimination against children from advantaged or disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, unity and a feeling of belonging to Biddulph High School.
- School uniform helps young people to accept that there are appropriate standards of appearance for certain circumstances. We want our young people to look smart as an outward indication of a positive attitude generally.
- School uniform helps students to leave outside influences behind, focus on school work and concentrate on learning.

School responsibility:

To ensure that all students are aware of the school uniform requirements and to implement these by the monitoring of student appearance and follow-up of infringements. We will confiscate any items (e.g. jewellery/non-uniform) that contravene the uniform policy and students will be able to collect them from the school Reception after their detention.

Student responsibility:

To make sure that your appearance is in line with school rules regarding the wearing of uniform and the guidelines on hair, jewellery & piercings, make-up and nails. Inform a member of the Pastoral Team immediately if you have an issue with your uniform, e.g. item rips during the school day, and they will seek to help.

Parent / carer responsibility:

We look to parents / carers to support our uniform code fully by ensuring that your child is dressed suitably each day and by supporting us should we need to sanction your child for not following the rules. To ensure that your child leaves for school each day correctly dressed, without: extremes of hairstyle or colour; wearing jewellery beyond that stated in the school policy; wearing excessive make-up or fake tan; inappropriate nails. We may ask you to bring an item of uniform to school if we are unable to lend your child a spare item for that day. Inform the school immediately if there is an issue with an item of your child's uniform or you are finding it difficult to replace an item. Piercings should be done at the start of the summer break, to allow sufficient time to heal, so that they can be removed in September.

As students get older, they invariably try to add their own 'style' to their uniforms and it can be, at times, difficult to keep variations of uniform in check – particularly as fashion trends change. It is for this reason that we have tried to be as clear as possible with our guidelines.

We enforce our uniform guidelines (including hair, jewellery & piercings, makeup and nails) firmly but fairly – if students are not wearing the correct uniform, they will not be able to participate in lessons with their peers, and will be educated in a Safe Haven until the issue is resolved.

It is worth noting that if you buy a skirt, a pair of trousers or a pair of shoes and you are concerned as to its suitability, we are more than willing to check it for you in school. All you or your child need to do is bring it in, with the tags still attached, and we will look at it for you.



APPEARANCE

HAIR

We will not accept extreme hairstyles which tend to be in fashion as trends change. It is difficult to be prescriptive about this but it is worth noting that the following styles have never been acceptable:

- Trim lines or patterns in the hair.
- An all over grade 1 haircut.
- Coloured streaks or shadings in unnatural colours such as reds, pinks, greens, purples, blues etc.
- Bleach used to create an obvious pattern in the hair, such as bleach used to streak down the centre of the hair, which contrasts with the rest of the hair colour.
- Decorative inserts such as feathers, tinsel or braids etc.

JEWELLERY & PIERCINGS

The only jewellery allowed to be worn in school is a watch and one pair of stud earrings (one in each lobe). No facial piercings of any sort (nose, eyebrow, lip, chin, tongue etc.) It is not acceptable to wear clear studs or a plaster over the piercing.

NAILS

Only clear and pale pink nail varnish may be worn in school. No gel, acrylic or excessively long nails.

MAKEUP

Subtle makeup can be applied. No fake eyelashes and no heavy eye makeup, blusher or lipstick. No fake tan that looks unnatural.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

To reduce the cost to families, we have limited our compulsory branded uniform to just 3 items – blazer, tie and PE polo shirt. All other items can be bought from any retailer, *but must be of the approved style*. If you are unsure about any item that you intend to purchase, please contact the school and we will be happy to advise you.

Compulsory:

- Navy blue BHS logo blazer (***approved school style from suppliers – see below***).
- School tie (***approved school style from suppliers – see below***).
- Plain white school shirt, short or long sleeved.
- Charcoal full-length trousers or plain knee-length charcoal skirt (see approved styles below).
- Charcoal tailored knee-length school shorts may be worn in the summer term (see approved styles below).
- Black tights or black or white socks (ankle or knee length, but **not** over the knee socks).
- Plain black school shoes, **not boots**, that can be polished (see approved styles below).

Trainers or shoes/boots with logos (even if black logos) or coloured markings on them are not appropriate. Shoes need to be substantial – ballet style shoes, slipper shoes, shoes with thin soles, high heels, open toe, or mules are not appropriate.

Optional:

- Plain navy, long-sleeved jumper or tank top, fine knit with a V-neck (see approved style below).
- Jumpers are not an alternative to the blazer – a blazer must be worn at all times. If a student becomes too warm with both the blazer and the jumper, the jumper is the item that needs to be removed.



BLAZER AND TIES: Approved styles *from suppliers*



Please note – we are no longer issuing house colour ties. If your child is re-using a sibling's house colour tie, this is acceptable.

SKIRTS AND TROUSERS: Approved styles



Skirt:

- The skirt should be of a straight, tailored style with a rear split and charcoal grey.
- The skirt should have a waistband and the skirt should sit on the waist; it should not be shorter than approximately 2½cm (1 inch) above the knee and loose fitting.
- The school skirt should not have any side splits.
- If you do not purchase the skirt from the recognised supplier, you must ensure that the skirt meets all of the mentioned criteria.



Trousers:

- The trouser should have a waistband, no belt; it should be full length and charcoal grey.
- The waistband of the trouser should sit on the waist and not on the hips; the line of the trouser should be parallel and loose fitting; flared trousers or tight trousers are not appropriate.
- The hem of all trousers should be at least 6cm (2½ inches) from the floor.
- The school trouser must have a crisp front crease down the legs.
- If you do not purchase the trousers from the recognised supplier, you must ensure that the trouser meets all of the mentioned criteria.

SHORTS: Approved styles



- Shorts may only be worn in the summer term **ONLY**
- The shorts should have a waistband, no belt; they should be knee-length and charcoal grey.
- The waistband of the trouser should sit on the waist and not on the hips; the line of the shorts should be parallel and loose fitting; tight shorts are not appropriate.
- The school short must have a crisp front crease down the legs.
- If you do not purchase the shorts from the recognised supplier, you must ensure that the shorts meet all of the mentioned criteria.

SKIRTS AND TROUSERS: Unacceptable styles



Jersey tube skirts



Pleated skirts



Skater style skirts



Leggings



Skinny jean style



Jersey trousers

JUMPERS: Approved styles	JUMPERS: Unacceptable styles
 <p data-bbox="268 645 624 678">V-neck navy fine knit jumper</p>	 <p data-bbox="906 645 1390 678">Crew neck jumper / sweatshirt / hoody</p>
SHOES: Approved styles	
 <p data-bbox="108 1749 1485 1827">If you are in doubt about the shoes you want to purchase, please contact the school and we can check the style for you.</p>	

SHOES: Unacceptable styles



Trainers or shoes/boots with logos (even if black logos) or coloured markings on them are not appropriate. Shoes only, no boots. Shoes need to be substantial – ballet style shoes, slipper shoes, shoes with thin soles, high heels, open toe, or mules are not appropriate. **If you are in doubt about the shoes you want to purchase, please contact the school and we can check the style for you.**

PE KIT

Compulsory:

- BHS logo navy polo shirt (**approved school style from suppliers – see below**).
- Plain navy PE shorts (see approved styles below).
- Plain navy knee-high sports socks (see approved styles below).
- Training shoes / trainers.
- Gum shield (boys Rugby only).

Optional:

- BHS logo navy training top (approved school style from suppliers – see below).
- Navy or black long sleeved sports base layer (to be worn *under* BHS logo navy polo shirt).
- Navy or black training pants with no big logos (see approved styles below) **
- Navy or black **opaque** sports leggings with no big logos (see approved styles below) **
- Football boots* – Needed for Rugby lessons and competitive Rugby matches (boys only) and competitive Football games if selected (boys and girls).
- Shin pads for competitive football.

* Football boots are not allowed on the Astro Turf.

** BHS logo training pants and BHS logo sports leggings are also available from suppliers.



COMPULSORY PE KIT: Approved styles



BHS logo navy polo shirt
from supplier



Navy PE shorts



Navy sports socks

OPTIONAL PE KIT: Approved styles



BHS logo navy training top
from supplier



Navy or black training pants with
no large logos or no logo



Navy or black sports leggings with
no large logos or no logo

OPTIONAL PE KIT: Unacceptable styles



Training pants with large logos



Leggings with large logos

Branded school uniform and PE kit is available from:

- Clive Mark Schoolwear Limited, 13-14 Lancaster Building, High street, Newcastle under Lyme, ST5 1PG, 01782 980676 <https://clivemark.co.uk/collections/biddulph-high-school>
- Smart Uniform, Harvey House, Hassell Street, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 1AR, Tel: 01782 713650 <https://smartuniform.co.uk/product-category/schools/schools-senior-schools/schools-senior-schools-biddulph-high/>
email: shop@smartuniform.co.uk

