



September 2024 Uniform Years 7-11

Dear Parent/ Carer

I am pleased to write sharing that after working with Governors, Students and Parents we will be updating the St. Francis of Assisi uniform with effect from September 2024.

Our brown blazer and skirt, whilst reflecting the Franciscan tradition, is more expensive than others on the market and as there has not been an update for many years the material and fit is out of date. Some parts of the current uniform do not match as we have black trousers for boys and girls but a brown skirt, and the new uniform addresses this discrepancy. The tie and white shirts for all will not be changing.

The link here [\(Click\)](#) shares what our new uniform will look like for September 2024 for Years 7-11. The change is to the blazer and the skirt, both being black in the main, the blazer with a brown trim.

Making a change like this should never negatively impact parents/ carers financially and so I am pleased to announce that **we will buy all students a brand-new blazer for September**. Every student will be provided with a unique code and families will then have 9 weeks, from 1st July, to visit one of the stores listed in the FAQs document to get their new blazer completely free of charge. To support with sustainability the current brown blazer can be handed in to the Uniform suppliers for recycling so that we do not have 1000 brown blazers going to landfill.

Our student council, as representatives of the student body, support the new design and Governors and I are very pleased with the new look. Crucially the cost to parents/ carers, long term will be reduced.

This is a significant change for St Francis of Assisi Catholic College, it has been strategically considered and planned for. The attached Frequently Asked Questions document should address any questions you may have.

Finally, **please do not buy a brown blazer from this point onwards** and if you are needing to purchase a skirt, please do purchase a black one which is of appropriate material for school.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher