



# GRYFFE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware we introduced Blazers last year for all pupils in S1, S5 and S6. As part of this process we canvassed opinion at Parent Council Meetings, Pupil Management Group Meetings and Pupil Focus Groups. We also included a question in all of our Parents/Carers Meeting Surveys seeking views on this subject.

It was clear that there was a significant majority in favour of uniform and as such we:

- ✓ Introduced Blazers, without braiding to new S1 and S5 pupils starting August 2018, with the aim of **all Year Groups wearing Blazers in August 2019**

S6 pupils will wear the usual Blazers with red braiding

- ✓ Blazers without braiding will cost £35 and can be purchased from  
School Wear Made Easy  
28 Wallneuk Road  
Paisley  
PA3 4BT  
Tel 0141 889 7206

Blazers can be sold back to the school for £15, if clean and in good condition, and a new Blazer then purchased

Pupils moving from S5 into S6 can be get their red braiding for £25 from School Wear Made Easy just prior to returning in August

- ✓ We already have a range of Blazers that we have bought back from S6 pupils, with and without braiding, and are targeting more returns from them. If you are interested in a pre-owned Blazer then please feel free to telephone the school office who will be happy to arrange a time to show you our current stock of pre-owned Blazers for purchase for £15.
- ✓ Ties
  - All new S1 pupils should have the new school tie which can be purchased from the school office. A text will be issued when these are available.
  - New S2 to S5 pupils can either wear their existing tie, or purchase our new tie from the school office
  - S6 pupils should wear their existing tie as we are awaiting the new tartan S6 tie, with an expected delivery time in October. We had difficulties in the colour within the draft design and have returned the tie to have this colour altered to be a closer match our school colours

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We will also continue our whole school commitment to uniform:

- White Shirt (allows the school tie to be worn properly)
- School Tie (above the second top button – always visible)
- Black/Navy Trousers or Skirt (modest length)
- Black/Navy Jumper or Cardigan which allows school tie to be visible
- Plain Black Shoes

We appreciate the possible cost implications of having a full school uniform, and have provided an option of telephoning the school office to arrange a time to see our current stock of pre-owned Blazers, however we also have available stock of new shirts, trousers and skirts and we will support families as appropriate with these if requested.

Having looked at all our 'neighbouring' top schools in Scotland it is recognised that school identity plays a significant role in improving attainment. Through our own analysis, there are very clear links with uniform and both attainment and achievement.

We firmly believe this will enable us to take another step forward in regard to pupil attainment and their achievements.

Thank you for your continued support and we would ask you to please check our school website for updates (as well as Twitter, Facebook and Show My Homework for detail on the achievements of our pupils)

#### COMMUNICATION

We continually try to improve our communication with parents/carers, and to date heavily rely on our School Website, Facebook and Twitter. We also use text messaging, however this is by far the most expensive for us to use as it costs approximately £40 each time we send a message to all parents.

We are now sending out ALL key messages, via Show My Homework, as this will not incur any additional cost to the school.

**If you have not done so already then PLEASE join the majority of parents/carers in using SHOW MY HOMEWORK.**

You can download the App which will allow you to set up automatic alerts. Detail on the App, and other helpful hints for SMHW, can be found on the school website. This will help keep you up to date with key school information. We will also continue to provide updates via the School Website, Twitter and Facebook ..... so please keep following.



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Yours sincerely

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