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Smestow Academy
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Dear Parents and Carers

Training Day
Just to remind you that school will be closed to pupils all day tomorrow (Friday 23 October 2026) for a staff training day.

Our focus for the next half-term
As we approach the next half-term, we would like to remind families of our uniform and appearance expectations at Smestow Academy. We are proud of our pupils and want every young person to arrive looking smart, feeling a sense of belonging and ready to learn.

Our expectations are built around fairness, consistency and high standards. We value the support of parents and carers in helping pupils meet these expectations every day.

Uniform will remain a whole-academy priority. Form Tutors will check standards each morning, and staff will reinforce them throughout the day. Where an issue is identified, pupils will be asked to put it right promptly. In line with our published expectations, incorrect uniform may lead to sanctions, including removal from lessons until the issue has been resolved.

Key uniform reminders
Please check the following before pupils return after the October half-term:

- Blazer – a black blazer must be worn as part of the academy uniform.
- Shirt and tie – a white school shirt must be tucked in, with the top button fastened. The house-coloured tie must be worn correctly, with at least six stripes visible below the knot.
- Jumper – a black, V-neck, long-sleeved jumper is optional.
- Trousers and skirts – black tailored trousers or a black formal skirt of an appropriate length. Lycra or stretch-style skirts are not permitted.
- Socks and tights – plain black socks or tights, without patterns.
- Shoes – plain black leather shoes; trainers are not permitted.
- Outdoor clothing – hoodies and tracksuit tops are not permitted. Outdoor coats must be removed inside academy buildings.
- See the uniform section on our website here Uniform - Smestow Academy

Jewellery, hair and appearance
Please also ensure that pupils follow Smestow Academy's appearance expectations:

- Jewellery – small stud earrings may be worn in the lower ear lobe. Facial piercings are not permitted.

- Nails and eyelashes – false nails, false eyelashes and coloured nail varnish are not permitted.
- Hair – natural hair colours only; shaved lines in hair or eyebrows are not permitted.
- Head coverings – headscarves, wraps and bands must be plain black or white. Headscarves should be tucked under the blazer so that the school tie remains visible.

For PE, physical activities, clubs and fixtures, all jewellery – including stud earrings – must be removed. Plasters or tape cannot be used to cover piercings.

Support with school uniform
We recognise that providing uniform can create additional costs for families. Smestow Academy's website signposts St Columba's Uniform Swap Shop School uniform 'swap shop' helping parents with cost of living pressures | City Of Wolverhampton Council, which offers free pre-loved uniform. If you are finding it difficult to obtain the correct uniform, please contact your child's Head of House so that we can discuss the support available. Please also contact us if a medical, disability-related or religious consideration requires an individual discussion.

Heads of House

Dawley House	Mr Sidhu
Holbeche House	Mr M Craig
Graiseley House	Mr Webb

You can contact the academy on 01902 539 500 or by emailing postbox@smestowacademy.co.uk.

Consistently getting the small things right helps create the calm, purposeful environment in which pupils feel safe, belong and can focus on their learning. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that every pupil meets the academy's expectations from the start of the new half-term.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

Yours faithfully



Mr I Chamberlain
Headteacher