

2nd July 2025**Dear Parents,****Uniform from September 2025**

I am delighted to attach the new uniform policy that will come into effect from September 2025. This policy is the result of a comprehensive review involving pupil panels representing various year groups, a detailed assessment by our Occupational Therapy Team—which has led to a permitted uniform adaption guide for parents and students—and consultation with external advisors.

Our student panels were asked what they thought uniform at Frewen should look like. As part of this process, they reviewed uniforms from a cross-section of other schools—including independent schools specialising in dyslexia, more general independent schools, and mainstream state schools. They discussed our school environment and considered a range of proposed uniform options and variations. The panels were unanimous in their decisions, and we, as a school, have fully adopted their recommendations.

The **Senior School** expressed a clear desire to “smarten up” and “be like the other independent secondary schools”, voting to reintroduce the blazer, shirt, and tie. They felt that the more relaxed uniform approach implemented a couple of years ago no longer reflected the school’s ethos and environment—even though most of the panel members do not currently wear blazers, shirts, or ties.

In contrast, the **Prep School** preferred gilets over blazers and liked the idea of a branded outdoor coat for playtime and outdoor learning. They also enjoyed trying on tie samples provided by the supplier, including regular, elasticated, and clip-on options. All students—Prep and Senior—wanted the flexibility to wear shorts, trousers, or skirts, and all supported continuing to allow black leather trainers as an alternative to traditional school shoes.

Our Occupational Therapy Team reviewed the proposed uniform and compiled a guide outlining permitted adaptations, along with links to recommended suppliers where appropriate.

Throughout the process, we have been highly mindful of cost. We have balanced the introduction of more specialist items (such as blazers and gilets) with generic, widely available garments—such as white shirts and charcoal or dark grey shorts, pleated skirts, and trousers—that can be purchased affordably from a range of retailers. Our second-hand uniform store has a variety of items available. Please contact the main school office for more information.





For **Year 11 students** who do not currently have a blazer, a second-hand option will be available (subject to stock). If no blazer is available and parents prefer not to purchase a new one, a 'stepped down' uniform will be permitted—where all uniform requirements apply except for the blazer.

Our school uniform suppliers are:

- **Main Uniform** (blazers, ties, Prep School outdoor coats): www.horncastles.co.uk
Horncastles are offering a 5% discount throughout the month of July for purchases made in-store and online.
- **P.E. / Sports Kit:** www.monkhouse.com
- **Prep School Gilet:** www.workwearexpress.com

This uniform refresh marks the beginning of an exciting chapter as we prepare our school and students for an ever-evolving world. We are proud to be an independent school; we are proud to be *The Dyslexia School*.

I am incredibly proud of our students. Their voices have been central to this process, and it has been heartwarming to see the pride they have in their school—a place that unlocks potential and enables all to *Aspire, Believe, and Achieve*.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'M. Loveday'.

Mr. Mark Loveday
Headmaster

