



21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

### Uniform

We would like to make some changes to the current Axe Valley Academy uniform for September 2018. We are continuously striving to raise the standards of uniform to represent the aspirations, achievements and potential of our students.

The proposed uniform change is to introduce an Axe Valley Academy skirt in blue and gold. This is to ensure that all skirts are consistently smart and appropriate for school use as in recent years we have seen an increase in the number of skirts that are too short or too tight and that are made from a range of inappropriate materials.

The proposal is that from September 2018 students wishing to wear a skirt from years 7-10 (however the new skirt will also be optional for students in year 11) would be required to wear the Axe Valley Academy blue and gold skirt (photograph and details below). This skirt is supplied exclusively by Thomas Moore and retails from £17.99 (including 10% discount). We have carefully considered the financial implications to parents in this proposal and the previous recommended black skirt retailed from £16.99, minimising any increase in financial commitment. There will be no changes to the rest of the uniform.



Price: from £17.99 which includes 10% discount  
Material: polyester and viscose  
Fully machine washable  
Colour: blue tartan

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We would also like to take the opportunity to remind all parents of the current uniform code. We will be ensuring that a relaunch of the school uniform in September will ensure that all students meet the highest standards of dress. We have enclosed a copy of the uniform code alongside a copy of the Thomas Moore uniform list with this letter which clearly outlines the expectations around all school uniform.

Any comments regarding the proposed change to the uniform should be sent via [uniform@axevalley.devon.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@axevalley.devon.sch.uk) for consideration by Friday 1st June 2018. We are seeking student views through tutor groups and the Student Council. We would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to express your views. Information will be shared via Parentmail and the school website by 12th June 2018. We would recommend that you defer any decisions regarding the purchase of school skirts until after the decision has been made.

Kind regards

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