



DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy 

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the weather heats up, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of our uniform expectations as well as some pointers and advice for students and parents in the final few weeks of this Summer Term.

Students choosing to wear a skirt must ensure that they are wearing black **knee-high** socks, not ankle socks. These socks must not have bows, ribbons or patterns on. Your co-operation in ensuring that **waistbands are flat** on skirts is also greatly appreciated.

Students must continue to **wear black trousers** as per our uniform and appearance policy which can be found on our website.

Students must continue to bring their blazer to school, which of course can be removed with permission in lessons and whilst outside at break and lunch. Students **do not need to wear their jumper** to school, only their blazer is required. Any student in Year 10 whose blazer is too small must continue to wear their jumper. A reminder that any further adaptations to uniform and appearance based on weather conditions will be made by the Principal and will be communicated via email to parents/carers.

If any parents/carers would like to donate any uniform or PE kit to the Academy which may be outgrown as we come to the end of this academic year, we are always grateful of this for our uniform store. Any donations will be greatly received at reception.

At Darwen Vale High School we have water fountains whereby students can fill a water bottle up in lesson transitions, before school and at break and lunch. Please ensure your child has a re-fillable water bottle. Students will not be allowed to leave lessons to fill up water bottles.

Students are not permitted to bring in handheld fans, fans that can be worn around the neck or fans which can attach to mobile phones into the Academy. These items will be confiscated and not returned.

It is recommended that students wear suncream of at least Factor 30 on sunny days and have some suncream in their bags to top up throughout the day especially on PE days whereby students may be more exposed to the sun.

If you have any questions or further feedback, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year on the emails below:

Current Year 10 into Year 11 in September - Mrs Claire McKenna claire.Mckenna@darwenvale.com

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Current Year 8 into Year 9 in September - Mr Darren Adcroft dadcroft@darwenvale.com

Current Year 7 into Year 8 in September - Mr Adam Smith adam.smith@darwenvale.com

Current Year 6 into Year 7 in September - Miss Zoe Wood zoe.wood@darwenvale.com

Your sincerely

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