

17th December 2014



Dear Parent/Carer

Inspiring Optimistic Learners

Re: **Torpoint Community College uniform changes for September 2015 and reminder of current uniform policy**

I would like to draw your attention to the results of our surveys about the proposed uniform changes for September 2015. You told us that:

- *You wished the uniform would be changing now*
- *It will look much smarter*
- *The students can't wait*
- *It was about time TCC changed back to shirt and tie uniform and the blazer is such a great change*
- *Great idea!*
- *Very smart!*
- *Shirts are more work but also cheaper*
- *The clip on tie is great idea*
- *Tie and blazers look smart and encourage students to look smart when they have interviews later on life*

- *Well done TCC.*

As a result the uniform for those currently in Years 7 to 10 will be changing. Details of the changes will be published in the new year. Students joining the College in September 2015 and onwards will wear the new style uniform. The new style uniform is optional for one year only for student currently in Year 10 who will be in Year 11 from September 2015.

You have also told us that you wanted the College to concentrate on dealing with students who currently wear incorrect uniform, in particular incorrect trousers or skirts. Our existing uniform policy says that:

Skirts: Black "classic" style skirt that is either straight or pleated. Skirts should not be tight, have a slit or made of stretch fabric. The hem of the skirt should be no more than 5cm above the knee.

Trousers: Plain, black "classic" style trousers. These should be straight legged and not a tight, 'bootleg', 'drainpipe' or 'jeans' style nor should they be 'low-rise'. There should be no large belts or buckles. Trousers should not be made out of a denim fabric or leather. (No chinos, jeans, leggings type trousers)

Last week, in an assembly we asked the students to evaluate their trousers/skirts against this policy and identify whether they complied. A number of students were showing great honesty and recognised that they needed to make a change to ensure they have the correct trousers or skirts. We have taken the names of those students so that they can be checked at the start of the Spring term, in January, by their tutor against the criteria from the uniform policy. We will keep spare, clean trousers and skirts of all sizes so that any student can be given a pair daily on a loan basis if needed.

We really wanted to say thank you very much for all your on-going support. The College is going from strength to strength and having achieved the best results again this year, in the history of the College, we want our students to be able to feel pride in their achievements and the way their uniform looks. Therefore, for that reason, and as a response to your plea to deal with incorrect uniform, we are investing time and effort in the enforcement of this policy.

The College would like to thank you for your support and feedback on the uniform. It is by working together that we can make Torpoint Community College the great learning, caring place that it is.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions. We will write to you again in the New Year regarding the details of the new uniform once we have finalised details on supply, and the process going forward for September 2015.

Yours faithfully,

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