

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. We are excited to be getting ready at the college for the new academic year so thought it timely to remind parents and students of our expectations for uniform and equipment.

### **Uniform**

We pride ourselves on the smart appearance of students who represent us so well in the local and wider community. It is therefore important that students wear their uniform correctly and with pride at all times. This remains unchanged. Due to the current COVID-19 outbreak we have decided that until October half term students will not need to wear blazers. Outer garments including hoodies will need to be removed when inside the buildings and plain black, v necked jumpers worn if they need an additional layer. The government guidance published on Thursday encourages the wearing of uniform from September and states that it does not need washing any more than normal. Please read carefully the uniform expectations of the college on the link below. It includes details of the style of skirt, its length and the type of trousers that can be worn. It also makes it clear that extreme hair styles or colouring, facial piercings or coloured nails are not permitted in school. Failure to comply with these expectations will result in students being withdrawn from lessons.

### **PE Kit**

All Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students are expected to have the new Bideford College PE kit which can be purchased from the college or Samuel Daw & Co. However, Year 11 are able to wear their old-style PE kit.

<https://bidefordcollege.org/uniform-and-equipment/>

### **Equipment**

As students return to lessons, we need them to be prepared to learn. The government guidelines mean that we are restricted as to the equipment that we can lend out daily. If you could use the summer holidays to ensure that all students have the required equipment so that they can focus on both their academic and emotional learning.

If you have any further questions or need any support in providing uniform or equipment, please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's form tutor at the college via e-mail or phone.

Best wishes

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