



25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

## Parental Update Letter

We hope you are staying well and enjoying the warm weather of late. Despite the disappointment over recent weeks with regards to cancelling our Year 6 transition days and postponing Year 11 prom, there have been so many highlights and positives over the past couple of weeks, including this week's Geography field trips with Year 10 and the fantastic attitude shown by students across school within recent Practice Exams/assessments.

### Staffing

Next week we will welcome back Mrs Manley back into the PDC team following her maternity leave. Mrs Manley will resume her role as one of our Pastoral, Behaviour Managers and will work closely with Mr Barnish (Student Support and Intervention Manager) as well as providing careers advice (CEIAG) to all students.

Miss Reed, our Attendance Officer, will be taking up an exciting opportunity within our Trust of schools so we will be welcoming Mrs Tuffs into the student services team from next week. We would like to thank Miss Reed for all of her incredible hard work since joining us in May 2019 and, although there is more work to be done, the impact she has had in raising the profile of attendance across the school has been excellent. We wish her well.

### Key Dates

As we approach the final few weeks of the academic year, we are still maintaining our focus on curriculum delivery up to the end of term on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July (12.30pm finish for students). We do still have a busy calendar of events which includes, amongst many other things, the following:

- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Y7 Subject Consultation Evening (more information to follow)
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July: PSHCE day
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Day

### Uniform

We recently wrote to all parents to provide an update about the current status regarding school uniform. The purpose of this letter is to provide more specific details regarding the purchase of school uniform in preparation for September 2021 as we prepare to become Wellfield Academy.

As you will be aware, our uniform supplier changed from Delta Wool to Monkhouse during the Spring term and the products provided are slightly different. In our most recent update we outlined the main changes for September which are provided below as a reminder to all parents.

### Uniform changes and updates for September 2021

- **Blazers:** the blazers will include the new school badge and remain black but will be sold in future without the red trimming.
- **Ties:** we will provide two new school ties to all students free of charge.
- **Jumpers:** the school jumper remains an optional component of the uniform although it will now change to grey. Should parents wish for your son/daughter to wear a jumper, these will now be branded and should only be bought via our supplier.

- **Skirts:** we have faced regular challenges with enforcing our knee length skirt policy in part due to the type of skirt previously available. This is one of the reasons why we have change the style of skirt meaning, from September, all students choosing to wear a skirt must purchase a wide pleated knee length skirt. Branded skirts will be available through our new supplier (see below) who will also provide suggested skirt sizes through their new website when launched in May. All students must start the next academic year with skirts that are the appropriate length (**reaching the top of the kneecap**). Parents have the option of purchasing the skirts elsewhere or via our **supplier as long as they are the appropriate length**.
- **PE kit:** The branded PE shirt will change from a polo to round neck, with black socks and branded shorts/skorts. Plain black alternative shorts will also continue to be accepted. The main change will see students allowed to wear leggings from September as we have had many students requesting to wear these over recent months. It must be stressed at this stage that the only leggings accepted for lessons will be those purchased through the uniform supplier and, whilst unbranded, they have a distinctive trimming which will allow the PE department to identify whether these are in line with our policy and expectations. An optional ¼ zip training top will continue to be available to purchase.
- **Shoes:** there are a number of students who are still attending school wearing footwear that is not in line with our policy. The footwear should be black, sturdy shoes and we advise that parents are careful when purchasing footwear from supermarkets as these are often not in line with school policy. If unsure, please check with us so you do not waste any money.

### How you can purchase uniform

There are a number of ways in which you will be able to purchase our school uniform from Monkhouse. From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021, you will be able to:

- Book 1:1 appointments in store with staff- [Store Appointments \(monkhouse.com\)](https://www.monkhouse.com)  
Fishergate Shopping Centre, Preston
- Order online - [Parent Guide \(monkhouse.com\)](https://www.monkhouse.com)
- Order over the phone- 01772 259586/ 0161 476 7216 - Monday to Thursday - 8.30am to 5pm, Friday - 8.30am to 3pm

We would advise parents to order uniform as early as possible and Monkouse do also provide incentives for doing so.

### Support provided by Wellfield

We are aware that some parents may wish to visit the store but might find this difficult. Therefore, we have requested a range of sample uniforms to be provided to us in school which we would be happy to organise for your son/daughter to try on. We would ask parents to contact us if there are any difficulties at all in accessing school uniform.

### Uniform provided by Wellfield

One of our main priorities when sourcing a new supplier and making any changes to the uniform was to ensure the cost remains low to our parents. To support parents with purchasing uniform, we will be providing all students with a blazer and two ties free of charge. One tie will be provided in September. In order to take advantage of this, we will provide all students with a specific code that must then be used to order these items over the phone or in store only. Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide parents with an online voucher. By providing your name, contact number, address, student name and the code provided to you, there will be no charge for these items and these will be delivered to your home (£4.50 charge). Alternatively, you can provide these details in store to purchase the items.

Finally, if purchasing uniform is an issue for any parent, please contact us ([enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk)) so we can look at how we may be able to help. We do not want any parent to struggle and have tried hard to make the uniform offer as cost effective as we possibly can.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lewis

Head of School