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17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

## **School Uniform Consultation**

Maesteg School is currently on a journey that has and will continue to see improvements as we strive to reach even higher standards. An essential element of moving Maesteg forward is our ethos of high expectations and standards in all aspects of school life. This includes standards of uniform. We believe our uniform should instil in our pupils, a sense of identity, pride and belonging. This is supported by Welsh Government who state, *'School uniform can support positive behaviour and school discipline. It helps reduce inequalities between pupils and helps reduce some triggers for bullying; It enables pupils from all backgrounds to share a common identity which embraces their particular environments and can support and promote the ethos of the school.'*

We are proud of our students and want them to wear our school uniform with pride. A legacy of the pandemic is the wearing of casual clothes such as joggers, leggings and hoodies, that is not in keeping with our school ethos of 'motivated to strive' and does not reflect the high standard of behaviour and discipline that we have come to expect at Maesteg School. Uniform is also inconsistent throughout the school as some students chose to wear the mid-layer sports top whilst others wear the school jumper. Students in our 6<sup>th</sup> form have already adopted the more professional dress code of a grey blazer and tie and are excellent role models and ambassadors for Maesteg School and what we stand for,

Our School Council shares this view with regard to standards of uniform and has requested a review of our current uniform. As a result, a consultation will take place between 24<sup>th</sup> April and 26<sup>th</sup> - May '23 in relation to adopting a new uniform for pupils in year 7 – 11.

### **Rationale:**

- 1) To adopt a smarter, more professional dress code to prepare students for the world of work.
- 2) To help promote pupils' self-esteem, confidence and pride in themselves and their school.
- 3) To promote an ethos of high expectations, high standards and success.
- 4) To adopt one uniform that is consistent throughout the school

In making any decision regarding uniform, it is important that we are fully aware that uniform represents a significant cost for families. As such, it is important that we achieve the correct balance between cost, quality and appearance. The mid-layer tops that were an optional part of our PE tops have become popular with pupils mainly as an optional element of our PE uniform but will not be permitted as an alternative to our school uniform from September 2024.

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## We are proposing 3 different options:

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1) Black blazer; shirt and tie  | Blazer cost between £15 - £35 depending on supplier |
| 2) School jumper. Shirt and tie | Jumper cost £19                                     |
| 3) Mid-layer top, shirt and tie | Mid-layer top £35                                   |

Please participate in our survey by clicking on the link on our school website. This is an exciting time for the school and we would value your contributions and feedback.

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## Proposed timetable:

- 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 : Start of consultation with parents, staff and students.  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 : Consultation closes.  
Feedback of consultation presented to Governors who will make the final decision in the full governing body meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

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