

30 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **RE: Uniform Changes September 2026 Onwards**

QE school is committed to complying with the DFE uniform guidance, which focuses on reducing the number of branded items to reduce the overall cost of uniform for families. We have thought carefully about how to phase in changes which comply with this guidance, whilst minimising the financial burden on current QE families.

#### **From September 2026, the following changes will take effect:**

- Students entering year 9 will wear plain white shirts rather than the existing striped shirts. Students in year 10 and year 11 will be able to wear either the striped shirt or a plain white shirt as part of a 'transition year'. These can be purchased from Bartletts (<https://bartlettsofwimborne.co.uk/>) or from high street retailers.
- The school blazers and school ties will remain the same. Over time, all new blazers will bear the same colour emblem rather than the specific house colours. Ties will continue to retain the house colour schemes.
- PE kit will change so that we allow navy football style shorts/loose fitting track pants (with cycling shorts worn as an under layer if preferred). Skorts will no longer be an option. The PE T-shirt will be branded with our logo and house colours. The Tech top will be available to buy as an additional item but will not be compulsory.
- A navy V-neck jumper is permitted as an optional item but must be worn in addition to the mandatory items.

We have produced this [School Uniform Guidelines 2026-27](#) alongside this letter which includes pictures of the items in question and links to our suppliers (Bartletts and Star Sportswear). This guide can be viewed on our website.

## Summer Term 2026

The school places great emphasis on uniform as it promotes pride and a sense of belonging in the school. This half-term (from Easter 2026 until the end of May 2026) we have been focussing on the following specific areas:

- 1. Shoes:** A reminder that shoes must be worn which are in line with school policy. Shoes should be all black and trainers (e.g. Nike Air Force Ones) are not permitted. Footwear requirements can be accessed on the website: [School Uniform guidelines 25-26](#). These footwear requirements will remain unchanged for the academic year 2026-27.
- 2. Piercings:** Students are allowed to wear one earring in each ear to school. Lip, nose and eyebrow rings and studs may not be worn in school. A clear plastic retainer may be worn but should not present a health and safety risk: any items of jewellery which protrude from the face are a risk to students in practical subjects.
- 3. Blazers:** Students must bring blazers to school as they are an essential part of the school equipment, even in warm weather. Rather than allowing a 'summer dress' uniform this year, if the weather is hot then the school will inform parents of 'PE kit days' to ensure that students remain comfortable in school. Students in year 11 will have to wear uniform at all times during their examinations: the main exam halls are a comfortable temperature and students often carry important exam items with them in their blazers such as pens, pencils, calculators etc.

Please can we ask if anyone has unwanted uniform and PE kit in good condition they would donate it to the school by leaving it at reception.

If you have any questions about the information provided above, please contact the school office ([office@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:office@queenelizabeths.com)) and we will direct your query to the relevant colleague.

Yours sincerely,



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