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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to tell you how much we enjoyed the two Induction Days. Students really got involved in all the activities and there was a real buzz around the school which was great to see. We are looking forward to your child joining Whitley Bay High School in September to start their High School journey.

May I also take this opportunity to clarify a couple of questions we have received from parents/carers of students joining us in Year 9 in September.

Start of Term

For Year 9 students the new school term starts on Thursday 3rd September at 8.40am with a welcome assembly in A Block Hall. Students will sit with their tutors for this assembly. Following the assembly students will have extended tutorial sessions until 2.15pm. Lunch will be from 12.00pm to 12.50pm. Students will leave school at 2.15pm on this day. Normal lessons will begin on Friday 4th September - students should arrive at school no later than 8.40am. Students will follow the normal school day from this Friday onwards. Initially students will need to pay for their lunch using bank card payment as we are a cashless school. This is a short-term measure until ParentPay/Facial recognition payment is set up. Once this is set up students will be able to pay for their lunch using bank card, via facial recognition or via student code. If students do not have a bank card for the start of term can we ask that your child brings a packed lunch to school.

Uniform

As a school it is essential we focus on what is important, which is creating exciting and engaging lessons alongside a wealth of extra-curricular opportunities and memorable experiences for students. As the Headteacher, I would never want uniform to become an issue that causes conflict between staff and students. Therefore, to avoid this, I am requesting your support in ensuring your daughter/son comes to school in full correct uniform. I do consider uniform helps to create a shared sense of pride in the school and is important in terms of inclusion and safeguarding.

Therefore, to clarify certain aspects of the uniform where mistakes can sometimes be made:

Trousers

Plain black, full-length school dress trousers or black jeans are the only trousers we allow. Appropriate/discreet belts are acceptable.

Please note that the following are not acceptable:

- Leggings
- Faded/grey trousers
- Casual trousers in any other colour or fabric
- Sportswear such as joggers or tracksuit bottoms
- Combat style trousers, tracksuit or jogging bottoms. This includes any trousers with pockets down the leg or that contain a sport label or logo
- Trousers that are cuffed at the bottom.



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Skirts

We do not recommend skirts for school wear as they tend to be short and impractical. If students do wish to wear a skirt for school, they must wear a black skirt of an appropriate length with black tights.

Polo Shirts/Sweatshirts

Students should also be wearing the WBHS white polo shirt and blue sweatshirt, both with the school logo on. On warmer days students do not need to wear the school sweatshirt.

The booklet which you have already received contains full details of the correct uniform to be worn and details are also on the school website.

Year 9 Lunch Time Arrangements

Year 9 students will stay in for lunch for the first half term and will be able to start going out for lunch from Monday 2nd November. We will write to you in the summer holidays with further details regarding lunch time arrangements from 2nd November onwards.

I hope your daughter/son has enjoyed their last term at Middle School and may I wish you an enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Wilson', is written over a light blue grid background.

Steve Wilson
Headteacher