



Education Resources
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Dear Parent / Carer

School Uniform

As you are aware, at Lesmahagow High, we are determined to achieve excellence in every aspect of our school life. This ambition includes aspiring to the highest possible standard of school uniform.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent uniform consultation. I was encouraged by the strong level of support amongst our parents and our Parent Council for our established school uniform.

Many of the benefits of school uniform acknowledged by pupils and parents in the consultation are listed below:

- Giving your child a sense of belonging to the school
- Giving your child an equality of appearance which discourages competition
- Realising that it is cheaper to buy than other clothing which pupils may wish to wear
- Encouraging school order and a work ethic amongst pupils
- Improving school security by making it easier to identify intruders
- Heightening the reputation of the school in the community

From August 2017, Lesmahagow High School Uniform will be:

- White Shirt / Blouse
- Lesmahagow High School Tie
- Plain black V-neck Jumper / Cardigan (without logos)
- Black Skirt / Trousers
- Plain black footwear (including laces)
- School Blazer

Parents are asked to fully support the school in encouraging their children to wear the full school uniform. For all the reasons stated above we expect all pupils to wear uniform at all times. We are moving to a transition for all pupils to be wearing blazers over the coming sessions. However, we appreciate this marks a change of expectations which may be difficult for pupils who are not used to wearing a blazer. To this end, the school are requiring all S1, S2 and S6 pupils to be wearing our new school blazer for session 17-18. However, we anticipate that families will support the introduction of our blazer across the school and with the full school wearing our blazer from session 2018/19.

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We have organised a Uniform Evening on Wednesday, 21st June to view and order school blazers from Scotcrest, our blazer supplier. Alternatively, blazers can be ordered online at www.scotcrestschool.co.uk or at the Scotcrest shop in Hamilton.

To help avoid queues at the Uniform Evening we are requesting that, if at all possible, parents/carers attend based on their child's House group at the time indicated on the table below. If this is not possible, parents are welcome to attend at any time that is suitable but may have to accept that waiting times might be slightly longer.

Wednesday 21st June	6.00-6.30pm	6.30-7.00pm	7.00-7.30pm
House Group	Kerse	Logan	Milton

Finally, as part of our uniform arrangements we will put in place a blazer recycling scheme. In the future, if you have a blazer that you no longer require we would be delighted if you would donate it to the school, so that we can find a new owner for it.

I hope to see you at the forthcoming Uniform Evening. In the meantime, I look forward to working in close partnership with you and our young people to have high standards of school uniform.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of our school uniform arrangements, please contact the school. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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