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Dear Parent / Carer

INFORMATION RE: UNIFORM ORDERING & EQUIPMENT

I hope you have had a restful, safe and enjoyable summer holiday so far. We are really looking forward to the new academic year and the return of our students.

I am writing with a reminder and further information regarding the uniform and equipment expectations for September. For those parents/carers who have not yet ordered new and/or replacement uniform **we recommend you place it as soon as possible** to give you the best chance of receiving the items before the start of school term. We have been contacted by our suppliers who wish to remind parents of the need to allow as much time as possible for certain items to arrive.

The government has now published their expectations regarding the wearing of uniform in September. They strongly advise all schools to return to their usual uniform policies. They state that uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. At South Dartmoor Community College, we would very much endorse this.

We will, therefore, expect all students to attend college in full college uniform and to comply with the uniform policy. **It is essential that all students should have full correct uniform, that fits, ready for September.** If there are any questions or concerns, please contact your child's Head of Year, who will be in work from the Thursday 1 September 2022.

I would encourage students to check now that their uniform is ready for use, as students will need to be in full uniform, with correct equipment, to access their lessons. In particular, it will be important to check that school shoes fit! If you require support with any aspect of this, please do not hesitate to contact us (the earlier the better) in order that we can offer assistance.

We are also aware that some students have enjoyed experimenting with unusual hairstyles during the holidays. Please be aware that the hairstyle expectations remain as published and students must wear their hair in a manner deemed appropriate for school. The college have made adjustments to the policy regarding nose piercings. Please read carefully the attached Uniform and Equipment Agreement 2022.

Ordering uniform

College issued uniform items (blazer, skirt, tie and PE kit) for South Dartmoor Community College must be ordered directly from our uniform supplier, **SWI**.

Orders may be placed directly via their website at: <https://www.swischoolwear.co.uk/> or via the telephone on 01928 752610. To purchase uniform from their website you will need to create an account which then will give you access to the online shop.

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All queries regarding sizing are available on their website and any issues regarding placing an order, ranging from technical help with the website to tracking orders, **should go direct to SWI.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes



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