

23 February 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

## RE: YEAR 11 'Class of 2023' Hoodie

We are introducing a Year 11 and Year 13 'Class of 2023' hoodie which, for students in Year 11, can be worn to replace the school blazer with immediate effect (once ordered and delivered!). Many schools offer 'leavers' hoodies to Year 11 and 13 students towards the end of their GCSE and A-level courses. For Year 11 students we hope that, by bringing this process forward and allowing them to wear them in school for their remaining time, it will help support a focus on learning while fostering a culture of pride in belonging to our school community. We especially hope it reinforces how much they are valued and that we listen to and act upon their feedback.

The hoodie will be available in many different colours. The design of the hoodies has been selected by students and a picture of the front and back is below. For Year 11 students, this hoodie will be the only **additional garment** that can be worn to school instead of the SDCC blazer and we have done this in response to feedback from students and parents regarding uniform difficulties for students so close to the end of their 'unformed' time with us. They are available in sizes XS – 3XL and are made of 80% ringspun cotton and 20% polyester (weight 280 gsm).

Students will be able to order the new hoodie via the link below. Once you have ordered the hoodie, please go to parent pay for payment. The cost of the hoodie is £17.20 and the deadline for ordering is Thursday **2 March 2023**. We will not be placing orders after this date. We are helping with the cost for students who are in receipt of Free School Meals. However, if the price is a barrier and you do not qualify, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

<https://forms.office.com/e/80vJVGvTUY>

Design chosen by students:



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