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14 July, 2014

Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian

I am writing to inform you about important information that will be introduced in September as follows.

New School Uniform

As we work to improve and develop as a School we have spent time in consultation with our students asking them to share their ideas concerning changes they would like to see implemented at Futures Community College. One of the most popular ideas we received was for the School to introduce a smarter and more professional option into our School uniform. Our students felt that by looking smarter they would approach their studies with greater diligence. As of September 2014, we will introduce some changes to our School uniform.

All students will be given the option to wear a shirt and tie instead of a polo shirt. Students will be permitted to wear a short/long sleeved buttoned through white shirt with a School tie. Lower years (7, 8 and 9) will wear the pale blue tie, whilst students in Years 10 and 11 will wear a dark blue tie. All Prefects will be awarded a purple tie, which is to be worn with a white shirt, in recognition of their achievement in being selected to represent the School.

We anticipate that this smarter option will be the uniform of choice for most of our students. We recognise that older students in particular are keen to move away from polo shirts and embrace a more stylish image. However, we will continue to offer the polo shirts as an option for any student who wishes to wear them.

We also recognise that the shirt and tie option will prove considerably cheaper to purchase with multi-pack shirts costing much less than one single polo shirt. The ties themselves cost £5.00 and can only be purchased from the School Office. We have endeavoured to keep costs down so that we are able to offer our parents and carers a fair deal.

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Set out below is the expectation of our students' uniform and accessories:

School Uniform

- Black School blazer with Futures badge.
- Black tailored trousers with no distinctive styling or fashioning. **Skinny trousers and trousers with conspicuous belts/buttons/buckles are NOT permitted.**
- White cotton buttoned through long/short sleeved shirt with either: light blue tie (Years 7, 8 and 9); dark blue tie (Years 10 and 11); or purple tie (Prefects). School ties can only be purchased through the School Office (details of opening times during summer holidays are detailed overleaf).
- Black tailored skirt (suitable length only).
- Plain black socks or tights – **no leggings permitted.**
- Black regular School jumper, no longer in length than the School blazer.
- Sensible flat black leather shoes (that can be polished); **trainers are not permitted.**

Some vocational subjects will have subject specific uniform.

Optional

- Embroidered light blue polo shirts for Years 7, 8 and 9 and embroidered dark blue polo shirts for Years 10 and 11.

PE Kit

- Essential white polo shirt with Futures logo.
- Performance wear navy hooded sweatshirt with Futures logo.
- Performance wear navy shorts with Futures logo.
- Navy football socks.

Optional PE Kit

- Performance wear navy tracksuit with Futures logo (tracksuit top and tracksuit trousers may be purchased separately).

A letter regarding the purchasing of PE uniform online has been sent to parents separately (available to view on School website). If you require further details these are available via the School's website www.futures.uk.com where you will find a link to School Trends www.schooltrendsonline.com School blazers can be purchased through Pauls or Crawlers.

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Accessories

No jewellery, except for one pair of plain gold or silver stud earrings, with one stud in each ear lobe, one signet ring and a wrist watch. **No visible piercings are permitted.**

In Years 10 and 11 students may wear discreet, natural looking make-up. Coloured nail varnish is not permitted.

No extremes of hairstyle or hair colour are permitted.

Caps, hats and hoodies should not be worn in School.

In cases of dispute the School has the right to determine what is acceptable uniform.

Mobile Devices

From September, mobile devices may only be used during break and lunchtime. If a student is seen using a mobile device during lesson time the device will be confiscated and placed in the School safe in a sealed/marked bag and returned at the end of the week or until it is able to be collected by a parent/carer. Students will be informed of the zero tolerance ruling which comes into force in September during assemblies prior to the summer holidays.

If you need to get an urgent message to your child please telephone the School Receptionist who will ensure that your message is delivered.

Red Detentions

The introduction of a new detention system will come into force from September.

Any child arriving late to School or failing to comply with the School's rules during the School day will receive a 30 minute detention from 3.00 until 3.30 pm with a member of the Senior Leadership Team on the same day. Poor behaviour will not be tolerated.

Parents/carers will be notified by text during the School day that their child is being kept behind for a detention. If your child does not attend their detention they will serve an hour's detention from 3.00 until 4.00 pm the following day.

Students will be informed of the new detention system during their year group assembly and morning Form Tutor time. I would ask that you speak to your child regarding the new detention system to ensure that they are fully informed of the School's expectations in regard to poor behaviour.

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Raising standards and expectations for everyone at the School continues to be a priority and I would ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child is:

- wearing correct uniform everyday;
- punctual on arrival to School;
- punctual to lessons and properly equipped with a minimum expectation of a pen, pencil and ruler;
- aware that their behaviour in lessons and around School should be appropriate for a learning environment; and
- ready to learn at School.

Our Starfish stamp rewards system will continue to reward from September students in lessons as well as rewarding students weekly who have good attendance, wear the correct uniform and arrive to lesson with the correct equipment. The rewards on offer to students will be detailed in posters around the School.

School Office Opening Hours during Summer Holidays

The School Office will be open during the summer holidays from 9.00 am until 3.00 pm for general enquiries and the purchase of School ties on the following dates:

Monday, 21 July until Friday, 25 July; and
Tuesday, 26 August until Friday, 29 August.

Wednesday, 3 September, 2014

Students return to School following the summer holidays on Wednesday, 3 September and are expected to arrive to School no later than 8.35 am for morning registration at 8.40 am.

I am delighted to be able to inform you that the School from September will be fully staffed in all subject areas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to also wish you and your family an enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Reynolds
Headteacher

Futures Community College has had another busy term.



PE achievements

The Year 7 Futures Community College netball team played in the Year 7 & 8 Southend Borough Netball Plate League.

They won all 7 games and came 1st in the Borough Plate Netball League.

I would like to congratulate the Team and Miss Atkinson on their fantastic achievement

Well done

Prefect appointments: 45 Prefects were appointed from the Year 10 applicants to the position of Prefect. All the successful applicants will be awarded a Prefect tie for their achievement. Congratulations to all those appointed to their Position.



Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl appointments:

Wednesday 2 July 15 Prefects were shortlisted through application and interviewed by Mr Grover (Chair of the IEB), Mr Plucknett (Head of Year) and Mr Reynolds (Headteacher). The interviews were testing and revealed a very strong field of candidates.

After much deliberation Tate Sims and Harry Wye were appointed as Head Girl and Head Boy. Bethany Cooke and Lucie Frazier were appointed as Deputy Head Girls. Lewis Hendy and Samuel Upton were appointed as Deputy Head Boys.

Attendance Reward Trip taking place 17 July more than 230 students are attending a trip to Adventure Island for Outstanding Attendance.

Moving up from primary school can be an anxious time for both students and their parents. To help alleviate any nerves, Futures Community College organised a series of events to help welcome students joining us in Year 7 in September.

On Thursday 3 July we hosted an Information evening for Year 6 students and their parents. Guests were welcomed with refreshments before being formally greeted by the Head Teacher, Stuart Reynolds. Staff were then on hand to meet with parents to go through paperwork and administration, and to offer advice and tips to ensure students' smooth transition into secondary school.

Parents commented that they found this evening reassuring and helpful.

Ultra Clutch Hair Spray performance

Futures Community College presented two packed out nights of *Ultra Clutch Hair Spray*. A very enjoyable performance that culminated with a celebration party catered for by our Year 9 Catering Students on the final night.

Village Green Event at Chalkwell Park, 26 Students representing Futures Community College performed an excerpt from *Ultra Clutch Hair Spray* performance.



On Friday 4 July, Futures Community College hosted a welcome day for all our new Year 7 students. This was a fantastic event with visiting students engaging with a variety of workshops including Sports, Catering, Science and Poetry. It was lovely to see students enjoying their learning whilst familiarising themselves with their new school. A real highlight of the day was the support and nurture our new students received from our recently appointed Prefect team. We were tremendously proud of our older students, and the support they gave to the Year 6 students helping the younger students really feel at home.

Futures looks forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students into our learning community fully in September.



Futures Community College Year 11 Prom took place in the penultimate week of term at Stock Brook Manor. The students met at the Upper College and were driven in an Old Double Decker London Bus to the venue. It was a very enjoyable event with a sit down meal followed by dancing. The school was congratulated by the venue on the outstanding conduct of our students. The event was well supported by Futures Community College staff. Special thanks to Ms Ford (Head of Year) who organised the event and all those who helped her.