



The Armthorpe School

A Specialist School in The Arts and Sport



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Dear Parent / Carer

As some of you may be aware, we are in consultation about changing the school uniform. We have presented assemblies to the years that will be affected, (Years 7, 8, 9 and 10) which enabled us to gather various opinions on the current uniform and what we are proposing. From this it enabled us to rethink our proposal, if the majority of people disliked the proposal.

One of the changes we propose is a standard black jumper with a school badge. This does not mean that the blazer would be withdrawn, but, under our proposals, it may become optional. As well as this, we are hoping to implement a mandatory clip on tie instead of a normal tie. In the summer we want to implement an optional summer polo shirt so that instead of wearing an insulating jumper you can just be care free of heat stroke and fainting. This will have an embroidered logo in the upper right hand corner.

It isn't just the students' opinions that matter; we need your opinions alongside. So if you would like to contact us with any comments, or anything that you think we should consider, please see our proposed slideshow below and contact:

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Yours sincerely

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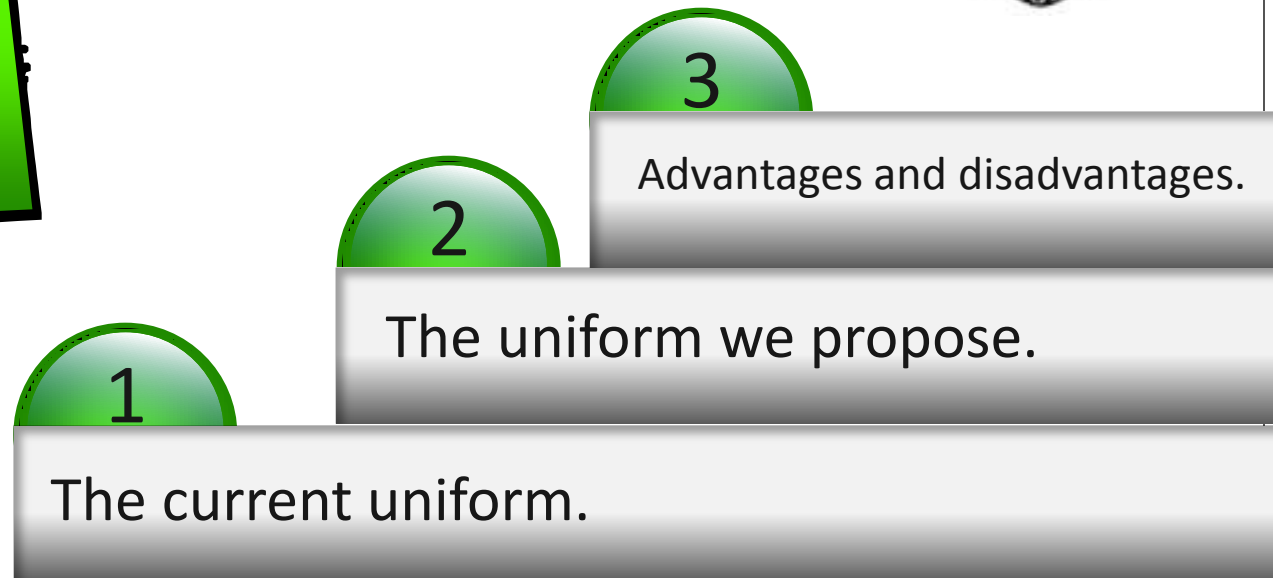
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SCHOOL UNIFORM PROPOSAL.

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The Current Uniform.

The Current uniform has various advantages and disadvantages that can affect school life and the happiness of all of you.

Some of the advantages and disadvantages for the blazer are:



ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE BLAZER.

1

Advantage: Somewhere to keep all your stationary and loose bits of paper.

2

Disadvantage: When it rains the blazer becomes heavy and soaking wet, therefore getting things in your blazer wet alongside.

3

Advantage: It acts as a barrier to the cold, so you don't necessarily need to bring a coat if it is moderately cold.

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Disadvantage: If it is really cold (for example in the winter) then you can't put a coat over it, so you have to take your blazer off.



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ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE TIE.

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Advantage: It shows competing schools that we have pride in our school uniform and we can make it look presentable.

2

Disadvantage: Some people might not do their tie presentably so therefore instead of endorsing the school uniform, they are making it look unkempt.

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Advantage: In the summer when it gets too warm you don't have to get too warm around your neck area, you can untighten your tie a bit.

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Disadvantage: If you undo your top button to cool down, then the school uniform won't look as presentable.



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Our proposal.

- A jumper to wear instead of the blazer.
- A clip on tie or a normal tie.
- So what advantages will this have?



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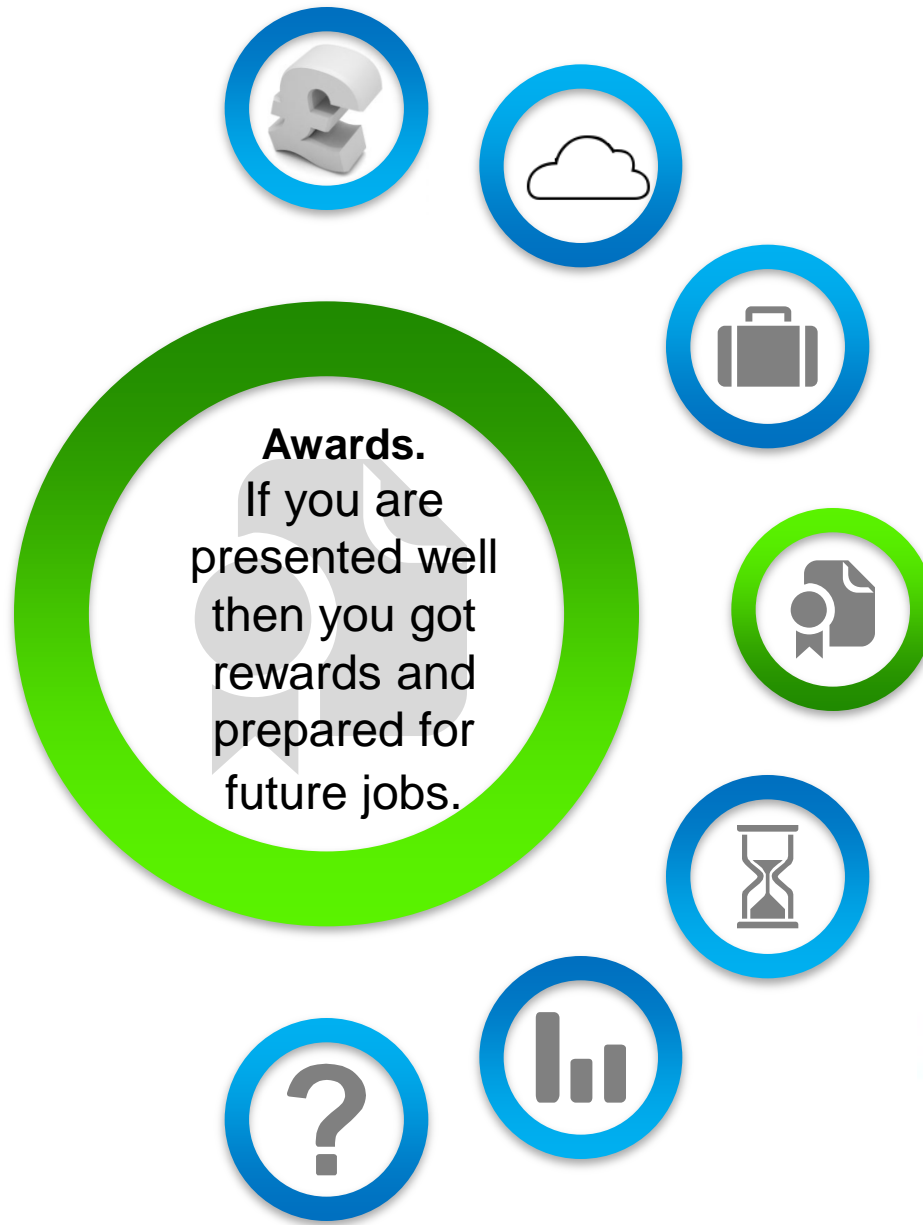
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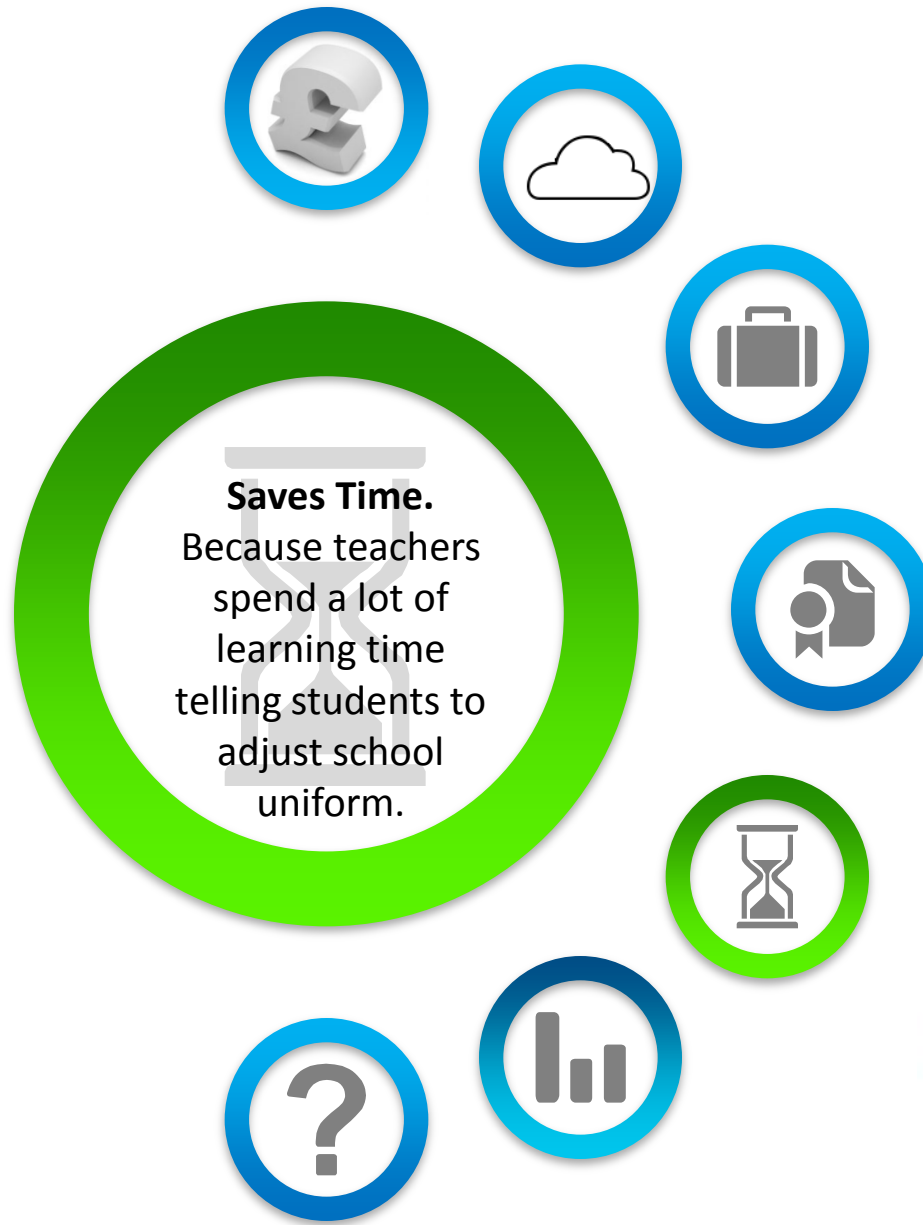
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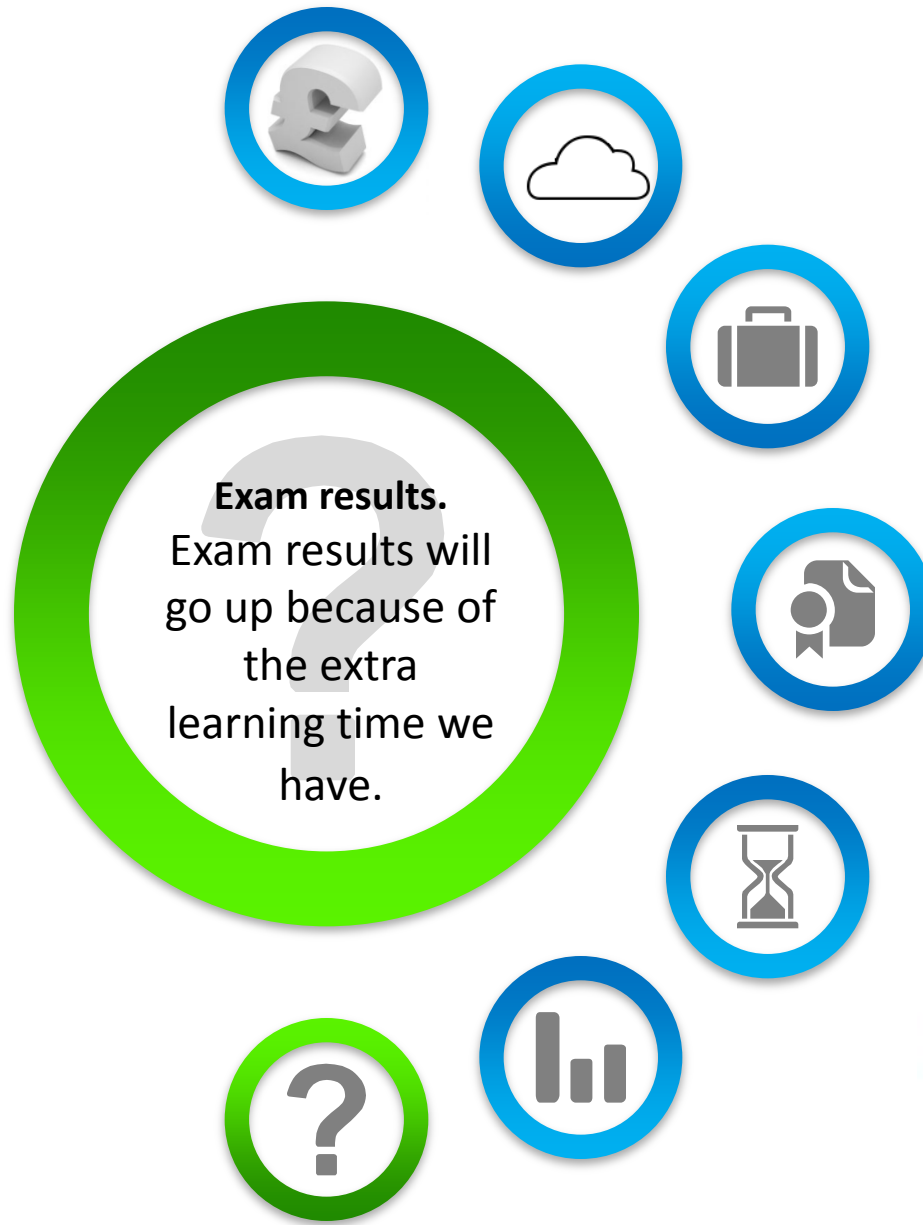
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Frequently asked questions.

- Is it going to happen? We are still in discussion with the governors.
- How long is the clip on tie? As long as the normal clip on ties, around 6 stripes long.
- Will parents have to buy the new things? Yes, but on average, an embroidered jumper will cost less than the blazer.
- Will you be able to get a jumper in any size? Yes, so shape and size won't be a problem.

There has also been rumours...

- These rumours are not true.
- One rumour says we are going to have a thick woolly jumper and really long ties.
- This is not true, ties will be a reasonable length, and the jumpers are similar to the ones that you generally wear.

For those people that don't want jumpers...

- It is also an option that blazers can become an optional piece of clothing.
- Therefore, some people that prefer blazers can wear it, and not feel that they don't get a say.

Another possibility...

- Another possibility is to implement an optional summer polo shirt, so that if it gets too warm in the summer, you don't have to walk round with an insulating jumper, therefore minimising student absences because of heatstroke and people fainting. (For example, multiple people fainting down the maths corridor.)



Facts and figures.

- 8 out of 10 people say yes to clip on ties with jumpers.
- 2 out of 10 people say yes to normal ties with jumpers.
- 8 out of 10 people say yes to jumpers.
- 2 out of 10 people say yes to blazers.
- 3 out of 10 people say they feel comfortable with the current uniform.

A person in year 9 says "I think the uniform is okay but having a blazer and clip on tie is silly, we should have jumpers"

A person in year 10 says "I don't like the blazers, because they seem to big for bags, they get too hot quickly and they are uncomfortable"

A person in year 11 says "I like the six-form uniform because we get to decide if we like blazers or jumpers, but I hate lower school uniform because they are forced to wear blazers. I think they would look better with jumpers with clip on ties."