

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for taking time to complete the final uniform survey and being a part of the design process in creating a new school uniform. We had in total 659 CVC members complete it and it is good to see that our community is involved in moving the College forward.

The results from the final uniform survey has shown that the preferred style of uniform is for the jacket, tie and optional jumper with grey trousers, skirt or tailored shorts. The original request to change the uniform initially came from our students. As a result all students in Years 7-9 were given a vote and 78.5% of the student body has selected a new uniform. We have used the student, parent, staff and governor voice to inform our decision and the majority voted for the new style uniform for Years 7-9. I am pleased to inform you that we will have the new school uniform for September 2018.

The full results of the survey can be viewed on our website.

<https://www.astreacottenham.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Uniform-Survey-Results-Chart-18.5.18.pdf>

To support you, as parents/carers, Astrea will pay for a jacket and tie so you do not incur this additional cost. Enclosed is the uniform guidance booklet which outlines the College's policy and expectations. We have provided you with the option to purchase the shirts/blouses, tailored trousers, skirts and shorts from our provider, SWI, and other high street retailers. Please note that the tailored shorts can be purchased from stores such as Marks and Spencer, John Lewis, Tesco and Asda for example, but please ensure they meet our expectations. Details of the uniform purchasing will be on our website very soon. We will provide one evening for parents and students to come into the school to try on sample garments.

We will carry out the measurements for the jacket after the half term holiday, as we are waiting to receive the sample garments from our uniform provider; once we have these we will carry out the jacket fittings during tutor/registration time. We will provide a size chart for you to help decide the size your son/daughter requires. Please factor in room for growth.

Once again thank you for your help and support in designing this new uniform and being involved in the process. Your input is very much appreciated and helped us to make a very informed decision.

Yours sincerely,



**Helen Cassady**  
**Principal**

Enclosed: Uniform guidance booklet