



# LEIGHTON PARK

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to you with information regarding our School 'uniform', commonly known as Collect Dress. This follows my previous letter about Collect Dress on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Over the course of the Autumn Term, representatives from across the Leighton Park community discussed the issue of Collect Dress. Following focus groups and meetings we decided to make some changes to the appearance of our student body, starting in September 2020. Our ultimate aim is to create a smart and aspirational environment in which our students can look well dressed, whilst at the same time preserving their individuality. We also want to ensure they are smart and impressive when representing the School away from the Park.

From September 2020 there will be changes to the Collect Dress worn by our new Year 7 students and our new Middle School students, those currently in Year 8 moving to Year 9.

For new Year 7 students, there will be a blazer and new tie and optional jumper to be worn as standard.

For our current Year 7 students moving to Year 8, there will be the option to purchase the new school blazer, tie and jumper, but this will not be obligatory. Current Year 7 students will be allowed to remain as they are currently dressed and then move to the new Year 9 Collect Dress code when they move from Fryer to the senior houses. For information, new Year 7 students will wear:

- **Jacket:** School issue blazer with LP Logo - different version for girls and boys
- **Trousers/ Skirt:** plain grey
- **Shirt or blouse:** white
- **School tie;** to be worn with shirt, not required for blouse
- **Jumper:** if worn must be an LP School jumper
- **Socks/ Tights:** black
- **Shoes:** sensible black polishable shoes.

Additional information:

- Fryer students cannot wear make-up or jewellery (with the exception of a fine chain necklace and stud earrings, one in each ear maximum).
- A Leighton Park bag and Leighton Park coat are also available via Schoolblazer Ltd.
- Belts should be of a discreet size and colour.
- A separate suitable bag is required for carrying books to and from lessons.

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- A woollen hat may be worn in cold weather. Baseball caps should only be worn when playing sport if needed, with the LP logo.
- Headphones should not be worn at any point in the school day with Collect Dress, but may be worn with own clothes/games kit after school if appropriate.
- Coats may be worn during the day but not inside buildings – coats should not be taken into Oakview dining area but should be hung up in the cloakroom provided.

As our students make the transition from Fryer House into the senior houses, they will begin to experience a greater degree of independence and responsibility in many areas of their school life. Slightly more freedom in terms of what they wear for school is just one area in which we work with our students to help them mature and develop a sense of personal responsibility.

In terms of sports kit, the School will also be phasing in new garments with the new logo and colours. This will be phased in over a period of two years, allowing families who have recently purchased kit to continue to get the wear from it. We will do all we can to ensure our sports teams look their very best during this time.

Due to global supply chain issues, there may be a delay in the supply of some new sportswear items. We are working closely with Schoolblazer on this, so please bear with us. If any items are not available by the start of term then the School will provide students with the old versions at no additional cost. Any remaining stock of old uniform items will then be donated to our charity partners.

I hope you can see the School is trying to move towards a smarter look for the student body. Please do let us know if you have any comments regarding the above.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie Falshaw', with a small flourish at the end.

Eddie Falshaw  
Deputy Head