



Dear Parents,

Over the past few weeks, we have been speaking with different groups of parents and students about changes to the school uniform. This follows complaints about the bright yellow polo shirts in Primary School and an overall need to improve the quality of the uniform at our schools. The initial idea was to make the uniform more formal to meet the expectations of some of our families. However, we also had to consider those families for whom uniform is not the norm. As a truly international school, we wanted to find a compromise which kept costs at a reasonable level through the use of a regional supplier whilst also maintaining high quality. We wanted to make sure that we responded to feedback, even when it was different to our own initial ideas.

As a result of your feedback, we have decided that we will bring in a new uniform for September 2017 that keeps a focus on comfort whilst also looking smart. This new uniform will be phased in over the coming year so that those of you who still have good quality uniform in the old style may continue to wear this until September 2018 when we would like to move over to the new uniform entirely. Please note, the old uniform will not be for sale moving forward. If you wish to move over to the new uniform in September but have garments that are in good condition, we would like to offer you the chance to send these into school and we will recycle them through a local provider.

The new uniform will be as follows:

**Early Years:** Teal colour polo shirts; grey trousers, shorts, skirt or skorts

**Primary:** Formal blue shirts with collar and short or long sleeve option, grey trousers, shorts, short or longer skirt or skorts

**Secondary:** Formal blue shirts with collar, grey trousers, shorts, knee-length or long skirt or skorts

**Cool Weather:** V-neck Jumper (Sweater)

**IB students:** Smart business attire

**Sports Kit:** New design phased in over the year which will include jogging trousers and zip up jacket as an option. Teal polo shirts available in all year groups for PE only.

There will no longer be a requirement for a school blazer although we will expect Secondary School students to wear a tie on formal occasions. Wearing a school tie for both Primary and Secondary students during the school week is optional. The tie is available as an optional accessory.

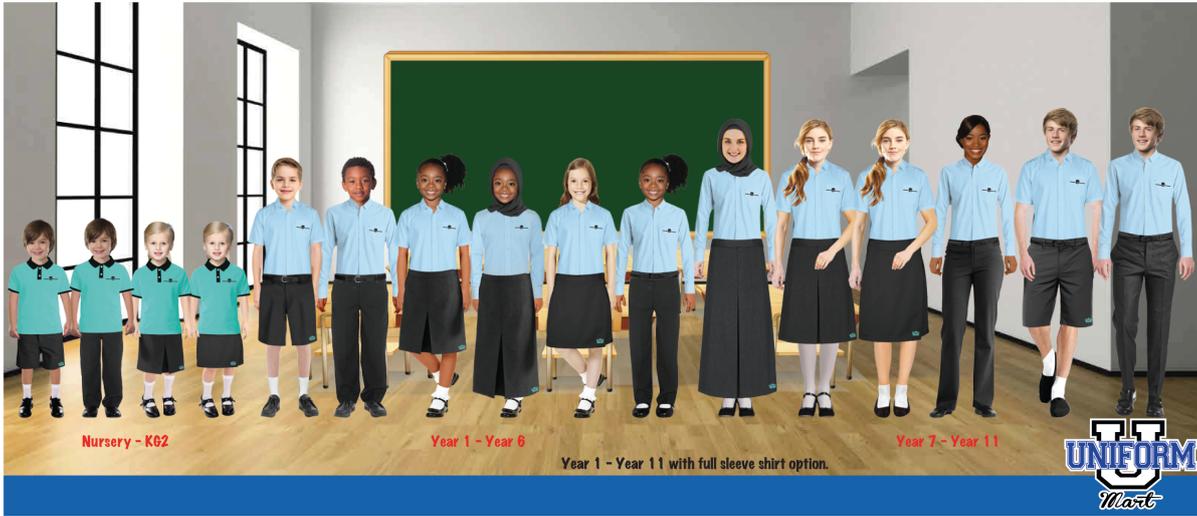
Thank you to everyone for their comments and for presenting an effective challenge to the initial plans, offering useful ideas for the new uniform and the need for a 12 month phased introduction to minimize waste.

Uniforms will be available for purchase online from 25 August 2017. Order days will be confirmed at each campus prior to the end of Term 3.

I should also like to confirm our commitment that there will be no further changes to the school uniform for at least five years.

Regards,

**Dr Terry Creissen OBE**  
Executive Principal



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