



**Park Hall
Academy**

CARTLWParentLetterJuly10

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Dear Parent / Carer

As you are aware, over the past few months we have consulted with a wide range of stakeholders regarding an Academy Uniform.

Discussions have been detailed and many variations of colour, style and design have been reviewed.

The students themselves have been fully involved in this process and are fiercely proud of the Park Hall badge which has its origins firmly rooted in the local community and in particular with the Bradford family who once owned Castle Bromwich Hall and whose influence can be seen in other local buildings and organisations.

As parents you also expressed your views and the majority said that for practical reasons and because of the image it portrays you wanted to maintain a blazer.

Whilst the students preferred a jumper to the blazer, governors felt that a blazer presented the most appropriate image.

Accordingly it was the decision of the governors to maintain the Academy's current uniform with one or two significant up-dates. From September 2010 all main school students at the Academy (ie Years 7 – 11) will wear a uniform of black and white which retains the current Park Hall badge. A new tie has been brought in for Years 7 – 9 (ie KS3) and Years 10 – 11 (ie KS4). Ties bear the Park Hall badge and also reflect the colours of the house a child has been placed in. These will be available for the students at the start of the year.

The second up-date has been to the PE kit which will be black and white. Details of the kit and all uniform are on the attached sheet and in the uniform policy.

It is the Academy's intention to provide each child with their first new tie and the following elements of the PE kit :

- Girls** - Academy fleece top with Park Hall badge
Academy jogging bottoms with Park Hall badge
Academy polo shirt with Park Hall badge

- Boys** - Academy rugby top with Park Hall badge
Academy jogging bottoms with Park Hall badge
Academy polo shirt with Park Hall badge

All other items of PE kit as outlined on the uniform list such as socks, plain black shorts, trainers, football boots, gum shields will need to be bought by parents ready for September.

Due to increased pressure on suppliers the new items of PE kit may not be available right at the start of the Autumn Term. Students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will need to continue with their current white polo tops and outdoor kit for a little while.

Yours sincerely

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