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Dear Parent/Carer,

Subject: S4/5 Blazers

In Inveralmond Community High School our aim is to work together to achieve excellence and equity for every young person. We want all young people to aspire to the highest possible standards and to achieve their best. We believe that high standards of uniform are part of our aspirational culture.

As you know uniform items can be bought directly from BE Uniforms' <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/inveralmond-community-high-school.html> All of the items in our uniform policy can also be bought in high street stores and supermarkets.

Blazers

Blazers are not a compulsory part of our uniform policy.

Pupil Voice

Over the last year, pupils in our senior years have provided feedback that they would like Inveralmond to have a school blazer. They have told us a number of reasons for this:

- They are aware other schools have this as either a mandatory/optional part of their uniform and would like Inveralmond to offer the same opportunity
- They feel that blazers should be for senior pupils
- Pupils who have been loaned school blazers to attend formal events have commented that they looked as smart as all the other schools because the blazer was included as part of the uniform outfit

In light of this pupil feedback, blazers are now available to S4-6 pupils from the school. We are offering two options to any young person who would like a blazer.

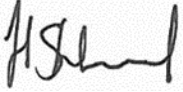
1. A blazer can be purchased at a cost of £35. The school has obtained a bulk order, so this is much cheaper than buying direct. At the end of the year, pupils are welcome to hand these back if they no longer want them. The school will dry clean them and make them available to future pupils at a lower cost.
2. A blazer can be hired for a year by making a payment of £15. At the end of the year, pupils can choose to: pay the £20 balance to keep the blazer; return the blazer and receive £10 back, with £5 being retained for cleaning; return the blazer and 'pay forward' the £10 which will be used to fund uniform items for pupils who require financial support.

Additionally, if a young person grows out of their blazer during the year, we will be happy to offer the above options part way through the year.

We have blazers available which pupils can try on for size. These are available from Miss Cefferty, pupils should ask at the main office or reception if they'd like to do this before ordering.

I am delighted that pupils have chosen to work with us to make this change. I hope that parents and carers will be proud of their young people and take pleasure in seeing them look smart as part of our school community.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Shankland', written in a cursive style.

Mr Hamish Shankland
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