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Dear Family,

Summer Polo Shirt Update

Last year, our student leadership team engaged in discussions about potential changes to the academy uniform. With the rising temperatures experienced in recent summers, it was deemed appropriate to adapt our uniform expectations to ensure students remain comfortable while maintaining a sense of unity and academy pride.

After thoughtful consideration and input from students through assemblies and student council conversations, we were delighted that so many embraced the idea of a summer polo shirt.

As temperatures begin to rise and we approach the summer term, students will be permitted to wear the summer polo shirts from Monday 7 April.

It is important to note that there is **no obligation** for students to acquire or wear this item of uniform. However, for those interested, the summer polo shirt will serve as a replacement for the traditional school shirt, tie, and blazer until the end of autumn term one (October half-term). During this period, students may also choose to wear their blazers with the polo shirt should temperatures fluctuate. This flexibility in uniform choices is designed to accommodate varying weather conditions while still maintaining a sense of unity within our academy community.

To streamline the purchasing process, the summer polo shirt will be available through **The Sports Shop in Stourbridge (Hagley Road, Oldswinford, DY8 1QU)** and there will also be limited stock at **The Sports Shop, Kingswinford**. You can purchase the polo shirts online or in-store, with stock becoming available during the Easter holidays. The cost of a summer polo shirt will range from £7.50 to £9.00 dependant on size.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we strive to enhance the student experience at Thorns Collegiate Academy.

Kind regards,

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Mr L Guest
Pastoral Director