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Dear Parent/Guardian

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Changes to School Uniform for Years 9-11

After consulting with students, parents and staff we are making some changes to our school uniform with effect from September 2013.

For a while we have wanted to have our school logo embroidered on the blazer and to update our logo. Students and parents alike have complained about badges falling off and the present logo not really being a clear representation of Ferndown Upper School. The new school blazer can be purchased from The School Shop, 139 Station Road, West Moors with the Ferndown Upper new logo embroidered on the pocket. This is the only shop to stock the Ferndown Upper blazer. We expect all the new Year 9 students in September to have this blazer.

We are also making changes to the girls' uniform. The girls have wanted for some time to have a fitted blouse rather than a shirt and tie, but we were unsure how to denote their House colour. We have now found a design which can have their House colour embroidered on the blouse lapel in the new motif and The School Shop can provide these. We hope that the present Year 9 and Year 10 girls will choose to change to these blouses as they have been very pleased with this proposal, as well as liking the design. However, we do recognise the cost implications for parents and so the girls can continue to wear their present shirt and tie (with top button done up) until the new blouses can be purchased.

There is also going to be a change to the PE kit with the addition of our new logo. Girls will now be allowed to wear $\frac{3}{4}$ sports leggings for PE as an alternative to the shorts.

The School Shop in West Moors will open specifically for Ferndown Upper parents from **Monday 10 June until Friday 14 June until 7pm** so that students can be sized for the new blazers and blouses and then place an order.

We hope that these changes will make the uniform smarter and reflect the high standards and positive ethos of the school.

Yours sincerely

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