



Dear Parent/ Carer

## **Parental Update – 25 May 2021**

I am writing to update you on several matters as we near the end of session and start our new timetable.

### **Change of Timetable**

Our new timetable for session 2022-23 starts on Monday 30 May 2022. At this stage students moving into new S2, S3 and S4 classes will receive their new timetable and an information letter by the end of the week. In some cases, as indicated during the coursing process, students may receive one of their reserve choices. There will be no changes to any timetables barring admin errors or blanks during this initial settling down phase. Further advice will be given to students in relation to seeking any changes prior to the end of term.

Senior phase students will receive their new timetables on Monday 30 May. They should go to the registration class they had prior to exam leave where they will be given their new timetable and a letter. Again there will be no changes at this stage other than dealing with administrative errors or blanks on timetables.

This year is the first time we have had a senior phase timetable where we have courses running across S4-S6 and this will enable more flexibility and increase the breadth and depth of our curriculum for all students. I would particularly like to note the work of Mr Dewar Acting DHT who has taken the lead on the timetable and associated curriculum changes in school.

### **Food Service**

Whilst we have resumed a full lunchtime food service over recent months we have not had the capacity to offer food at break time.

However, from **Monday 30 May** we will be offering a full food service including break time. This means that from that date no students, including senior phase, will be able to leave the grounds at interval. This has always been the rule in the past. This change will be monitored and students who leave the grounds could be subject to time back sanctions if they continually offend. Interval is only a short break and having students going off-site has led to lateness and an increase in littering outside of school. I would ask that you highlight this change with your child.

## **Uniform**

As you will be aware we have had a transitional approach to uniform until summer to support parent/carers post Covid and acknowledge the fact the former restrictions on indoor PE and quickly growing children means buying uniform now is not sensible.

As communicated recently we have now changed the PE situation and reopened our changing rooms. This means students should no longer attend school in PE gear unless there is an exemption granted or a one off school activity approved by the SMT where changing is not required.

We will be looking for your support in relation to a better standard of uniform when we restart in August but encourage where possible that young people are in correct uniform from Monday 30 May. We note that some students are still wearing non-uniform to school despite not having an agreed exemption and/or actually have the correct uniform at home. We will begin making uniform checks before the end of term. Please contact your child's Guidance teacher if you have any uniform issues.

## **What is the dress code?**

Since August 2006 we have had a formal school dress code for all pupils attending Penicuik High School. This code is clear, simple and compulsory for all pupils and was agreed by the Parent Association. It continues to be supported by them. We feel that our dress code is affordable, practical and smart and gives a sense of identity in the community. To remove any doubt about what can and cannot be worn to school.

### The school dress code is:

White shirt or blouse

Black V neck jumper or cardigan

School tie – junior blue and white striped tie/seniors (S4-S6) black and monogrammed tie

Black trousers or skirt

Black shoes

***Please note:*** Outdoor clothing must be removed in all classes. Offensive logos, football scarves and colours are not allowed in school. Crop tops, ripped jeans and leggings are not permitted as part of the normal school uniform.

## **Non-uniform items**

If a student is not wearing the correct uniform, they will be expected to bring a note from home giving a reason and the date of return to 'normal school uniform'. This note should be taken to the school office where they will receive a uniform pass. Continual uniform issues will be raised with parent/carers by Guidance staff and we respectfully ask for your cooperation in this matter.

## Blazers

Our smart uniform blazers are now available for all students and **we are asking all new S1 students in 2022-23 to purchase these.**

A full range of sizes are available at the following cost:

Size 32-36                      £35.50 per blazer

Size 38 and above              £37.50 per blazer

The blazers are hard wearing, machine washable and made from recycled plastic bottles so are environmentally friendly as well.

*If you require financial support please refer to Midlothian Council's website regarding school clothing grant or other assistance, or speak to your child's Guidance Teacher. The school will be able to help - no student should miss out on wearing a blazer because of cost and we are committed to poverty proofing uniform.*

**N.B. Orders will be through an online system. To assist with sizing students are able to go to the office to try on different sizes after school each day. New S1 students who are arriving next session and not currently in school can try on sizes by arrangement with the school office please email: [penicuik\\_hs@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:penicuik_hs@midlothian.gov.uk) to make a time after 3:30 pm from Monday 30 May 2022.**

All orders should be **placed by 3 July 2022** to take advantage of free delivery into the school.

### To make an order:

1. Visit [www.academyuniformsltd.com](http://www.academyuniformsltd.com)
2. Visit Categories - second from the top Sizing Guide and follow the instructions for sizing.
3. Back to categories - Secondary schools – Penicuik High.
4. The price shown are as indicated above.
5. Place your order.
6. For free delivery into the school, please tick the free delivery box.
7. Your order will be delivered to the school for early August.
8. Alternatively you can pay for home delivery.

If you have any further queries please email the school office: [penicuik-  
hs@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:penicuik_hs@midlothian.gov.uk)

Best wishes



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