

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see our new Year 7s start their journey at Wildern and Year 11 return for their final chapter.

We would like to say a huge thank you to you for the positive response to our letter that went out yesterday regarding the extraordinary hot weather for this time of year. Where many schools in the local area have chosen to maintain full school uniform we have recognised the need for adaptations for this week and have allowed students to wear their Wildern PE kit.

The vast majority of students have arrived today looking incredibly smart wearing our Wildern PE kit or Wildern full school uniform.

To support parents with conversations about PE kit and reinforce the message sent on 14th June 2023.

- It is **only Year 11 Examination PE classes** that can wear their black PE polo shirt and black shorts as a combination
- If black shorts are being worn by Year 11 examination PE students the black polo shirt must be worn too
- No black hotpants, cycling shorts or other tight fitting shorts are allowed
- If you do not take PE as an examination course in Year 11, it is only the green Wildern PE kit that can be worn
- The black examination PE kit is a legacy kit that has been phased out and is no longer available to any other year group.
- The white logo PE polo shirt can still be worn by Yr 11. This again is a legacy kit and has been phased out for all other Year Groups.

This year we have made some bold changes in supporting our students to have some expression of their identity in what they wear to school. It is therefore disappointing that we have been made aware of unkind and unpleasant social media comments on our Wildern social media and private groups. We would like to thank those supportive parents for raising this with us.

We try very hard in school to educate our students about the importance of negative and unnecessary social media posts and ask that you support us by modelling this and reiterating this message at home.

Home school partnership is incredibly important to us and we ask that if you have any concerns or questions that you contact us by emailing wildern@wildern.org

We look forward to working in collaboration with you throughout this year and seeing all students in school on Thursday 7th September.