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Dear Parents and Carers

As we continue to strive for the best possible learning environment for our students, I am writing to invite your views on two important areas of school life: our Mobile Phone Policy and our School Uniform.

Mobile Phone Policy: Aligning with New National Guidance

The Department for Education (DfE) recently updated its guidance to support schools in becoming "mobile-free" environments. To ensure Medina College remains a focused, safe, and social space, we are reviewing our current policy.

The updated DfE guidance (January 2026) is clear on the expectations for schools:

"All schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default; anything other than this should be by exception only."

The guidance further highlights that:

"Prohibiting the use of mobile phones during the school day, including break and lunchtimes... creates more time for socialising and exercise, supporting children's friendships and interactions with peers."

We are keen to hear your thoughts on how we implement this. While most students follow our current rules, we want to ensure our policy effectively eliminates the distraction, classroom disruption, and any link to bullying that the DfE identifies as risks associated with phone use.

We would value your feedback on:

- How we can best support students who use phones for travel safety.
- The use of "day-storage" (e.g. lockers or form-time collection) versus a "not seen, not heard" approach.

School Uniform: A Two-Stage Evolution

We believe a uniform should be practical, affordable, and "fit for purpose" for the active work students do every day. We are proposing a phased change to ensure families have plenty of time to adapt:

- Phase 1 (September 2026): We are considering a change to the current blazer or jumper to allow individuality and choice. This change also aims to improve comfort and durability while ensuring we meet new statutory requirements to keep branded items to a minimum.
- Phase 2 (September 2027): We plan to move to a wider uniform update. This change will focus on making the uniform more suitable for the modern school day - prioritising fabrics and fit that allow students to move comfortably between classrooms, practical subjects and outdoor spaces.

How to Share Your Views

We are committed to a collaborative approach. Please share your thoughts via our online consultation form here:

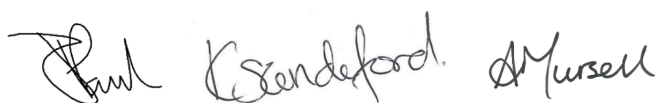
[Mobile Phone Link](#)

[School Uniform Link](#)

The consultation period will close on Monday 16th March. During this time we will also liaise with the students body to gain more of their feedback, we will then feedback our findings to parents/carers.

Thank you for your continued support in making Medina College a focused and vibrant place to learn.

Yours faithfully

Handwritten signatures of Paul, Katie Sandiford, and Anna Mursell.

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