

FAQ's Regarding the Introduction of King Alfred's New Uniform September 2018 for Current Years 7 – 9

1. When can I order new uniform?

King Alfred's new pre-badged uniform blazer will be available to order on the PMG Schoolwear website (link below) **from 1st May 2018**. For parents/carers who wish to be organised early, uniform items can be ordered throughout May with a £1 deposit, and the balance will automatically be taken on 1st June 2018. To take advantage of this arrangement, you simply enter the code **NEWB15** at checkout.

As well as the compulsory blazer and tie, PMG will have skirt and trouser options available that parents and guardians can either order from them, or purchase from any other retail outlet, provided they conform to prescribed uniform requirements (Uniform Policy to be published before May half term).

2. Where can I buy uniform from?

The pre-badged navy blazer and tie with KA's logo (showing appropriate house colour) can be purchased on-line on the PMG Schoolwear website <https://pmg-schoolwear.co.uk/> PMG also have a shop in Faringdon: 8 Regal Way, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 7BX and families are welcome to drop in, try various sizes and make their purchase. The shop is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. In Addition, the shop will also be open on Saturday mornings between 28th July and 1st September, 9am – 12 Noon. Other uniform items can also be purchased from PMG Schoolwear - or any other retail outlet - provided they conform to prescribed uniform requirements.

3. Where and when can my son/daughter try uniform on for size?

In addition to being able to try uniform for size at PMG's store in Faringdon, we are arranging for PMG Schoolwear to visit the academy during the school day towards the end of Term 6 when their expert staff will be on hand to provide a measuring and blazer fitting service for current Year 8 and 9 students. The appropriate size will be written down for them to take home so that parents/carers can then order online in the usual way.

4. My child is going into Year 8 in September - should I buy new uniform?

You have a choice. All Year 8 students will be expected to be wearing the white shirt and tie in September, but we will phase out the black trousers / skirt during the year. This means that your child can start back in September in a white shirt and tie with:

- Either their current black trousers/skirt and black sweatshirt **OR**
- Grey trousers / skirt and blazer

If you need to replace any item of your child's existing uniform then we recommend you buy the new uniform. If you do not yet need to replace it, then wait until you need to do so at some point during Year 8. **Please Note:** When PMG have sold out of current uniform stock, parents will only be able to buy the new uniform blazer.

The special arrangements outlined above for students in Year 8 in September means that it is not imperative that they are measured up for their new blazers before the end of the academic year. This enables parents/carers to have their son or daughter measured for their new uniform at the most convenient point in the year for them, from September 2018 onwards. Typically, this will be when their current black uniform items no longer fit or are worn and need replacing, or stocks of old uniform have run out at PMG Schoolwear.

Blazers in a range of sizes will be kept on West Site from September 2018 onwards for Year 8 students to try ensuring that parents/carers can then order the correct size on-line.

5. What if my child has grown over the summer and the pre-ordered blazer no longer fits?

PMG Schoolwear is keen to ensure that your child starts the new academic year in September looking smart and wearing the correct size uniform. They offer reassurance that any pre-ordered **unworn item (with all tags/labels intact)** that does not fit by the time September comes around, can be exchanged for a larger size free of charge. (Please Note: delivery charge still applies unless you can visit the Faringdon store).

From September onwards, sample blazers will be kept at both King Alfred's West Site and Centre Site that can be tried for size before ordering on-line from PMG. Any parents/carers wishing to do this can arrange this via their relevant Student Manager.

6. My child is going into Year 11 in September - should I buy new uniform?

No - the new uniform does not apply to Year 11 in September.

7. My child's skirt / trousers need replacing soon – what shall I do?

As from May half term, any parent of a child in Years 7 – 9 needing to replace black trousers / skirt, can replace them with the grey option, as described in the new uniform policy document to be published before May half term. All other aspects of the current uniform remain in place until the end of this academic year.

8. Is there any financial help available towards the cost of buying my child's uniform?

Help may be available towards the cost of purchasing uniform from the King Alfred's Education Charity. Any requests can be made (in confidence) through the Student Manager for your child's year group.

Steven Hampshire will contact families in receipt of the Pupil Premium during Term 5 with further details.