



Thurston Community College

A High Performing College with Specialisms in Science and Training
A Lead School for Gifted and Talented Provision



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Dear parent/guardian

As the end of the term approaches I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support during the past academic year. This has been a wonderful year for the College with the recognition from Ofsted of the outstanding education provided for our students. Thank you for your contribution towards this great achievement for Thurston Community College.

I am also writing to advise you of changes to our uniform with effect from September 2010. The changes affect the college sweatshirt and skirts.

At the request of students and in consultation with the College Council, the college sweatshirt will be replaced by a V-Neck Sweater or a Cardigan. These garments are knitted and are made of a softer fabric than the existing sweatshirt. Current students may continue to wear the existing sweatshirt designs, but these have now been discontinued for purchase. The knitted garments will be phased in gradually, with all students being expected to wear the new items by September 2012.

The second change is to address an issue which has arisen with regard to skirts. I have been approached by a number of people concerned by the inappropriately short skirts which are worn by some of our students. Our College Council researched and debated this issue and agreed that the best solution to the problem would be the introduction of a standard college skirt design. Students had input into the design and the skirt is available in three lengths to accommodate students of different heights. Should students wish to wear a skirt rather than trousers, this is the only skirt that will be permitted as part of the uniform with effect from September 2010. This change **will** affect current students.

The sweater, cardigan and skirt, together with all items of our college uniform, are available from Aubyn Davies, St John's Street, Bury St Edmunds.

I am very proud that our students have initiated these changes, demonstrating, once again, the influence of "student voice" within the college community. I would also like to acknowledge the enthusiasm, maturity and dedication of the College Council in their work to ensure that our students have a say in the decisions made at their school.

Yours sincerely

Helen Wilson
Principal

