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Our Learning *Our Opportunities* *Our Responsibility*

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you for your support throughout this very successful first term.

All pupils return to school on Monday 23 October. I would also take the opportunity to remind all parents and carers that Friday 10 November is a staff training day (INSET) and therefore a pupil holiday.

Our newsletter for term 1 can be accessed at newsletter link and this reflects some of the highlights of this term. The newsletter contains more details of specific activities but I do want to highlight the following whole school achievements:

- Very positive **SQA attainment for 2023** – particularly for our S4 last session
- As a reflection of our efforts to promote one aspect of our school Vision, **Our Opportunities**, we have now formally achieved **Gold School of Sport** qualified status
- We have now achieved our **'Respect Me' Reward**. This is a very significant achievement and a huge testament to the hard-work, commitment and care shown in our work to promote anti-bullying within our school
- Very positive feedback from visitors to the school about the impact and influence of our **Pupil Empowerment Teams**
- Re-establishing **Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP)** with over 100 senior pupils trained

School Dress Code

Thank you for your support in implementing our agreed School Dress Code. I have included a section of our Dress Code below as it has become more significant with the slight deterioration in weather. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

The items below form the Dunfermline High School Dress Code. All pupils in all year groups must wear:

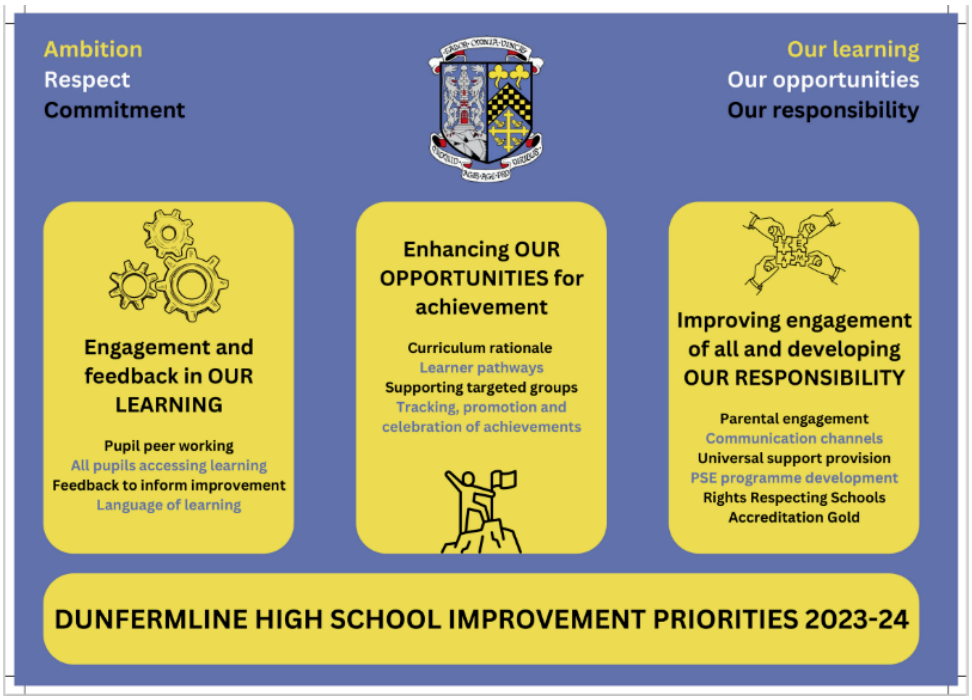
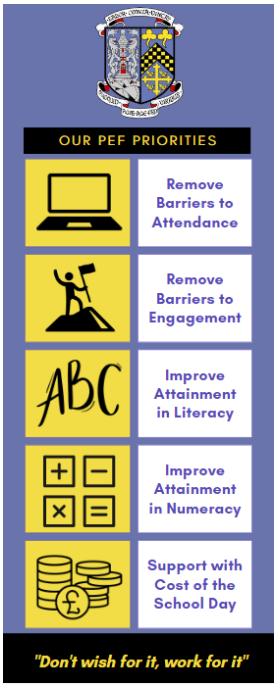
- **White shirt/blouse and a Dunfermline High School tie -** pupils may wear **a plain black jumper or sweatshirt over the shirt, but the tie must be clearly visible**
  - **Jumpers or sweatshirts must be plain and black with no large logos**
  - Following our consultation, **pupils can now also wear unbranded, plain black zipper hoodies which clearly allow the school tie to be seen**
  - **Any other type of hoodie should not be worn in class** and pupils will be asked to remove them as it will be treated as a jacket

- **Black trousers/skirt**
  - Following our consultation, pupils can now **wear thick and unbranded plain black leggings** (there was less support for this than the other questions)
  - **Expensive branded leggings, coloured leggings or thin leggings are not part of our acceptable school dress code**
  - **Jogging trousers (or "joggies"), deliberately ripped trousers/stockings are not part of our acceptable school dress code**

Standards & Quality Report for 2022-23 and School Improvement Plan for 2023-24

Following the release of *Insight* SQA data, we are also able to release our final School Improvement Plan and PEF Plan for 2023-24 and our full Standards and Quality Report for 2022-23 (a report on our progress with our improvement plan and Pupil Equity Fund Plan).

I have summarised our School Improvement Plan Priorities at the end of this letter and included our Pupil Equity Plan summary.

Thank you once again for your continued support and I hope that you are able to enjoy some time off. I look forward to seeing our pupils return on Monday 23 October.

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