



# Nether Stowe School

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## Parental Update

Dear parent/carer,

I wanted to share with you some important information regarding registration groups next academic year, as well as inviting you to take part in a consultation around school uniform.

### Registration/Tutor Groups – September 2024

For the last 6 years we have operated a vertical tutor group system. There are many advantages to this system. However, since our return to school after the Covid lockdowns, it has become evident that students need more specific, age-appropriate support from their tutor. Having received feedback from both parents and students, we believe it is appropriate that, where possible, the tutor is also the PSHE & Personal Development teacher. This will help form stronger relationships between students and their tutors.

Therefore, from September, students will still be registered in college groups, but with students from their same year group. As an example, Year 8 Trent students will register together. Further details about specific tutor groups will be shared later in the term with parents and students.

### Uniform Consultation

To improve the overall standard of uniform, we are consulting with key stakeholders over a change to the current policy. These consultations are aimed to seek the views of parents & teachers around improving overall standards of uniform by moving to trousers for all students in key stage 3 & 4.

The current policy on school uniform can be found by navigating to <https://netherstowe.staffs.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform-and-pe-kit/> Once you have reminded yourself of the current standards and expectations, please take a few short moments to complete the consultation which can be found [here](#). The consultation closes at 12pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Yours faithfully,

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