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Dear Member of Banbridge Academy Community

Thank you for your continued support and engagement over the past year. Your contributions have been vital in helping us collectively develop the strategic vision for the School and our associated 3-year School Development Plan (SDP). Our vision encapsulates the Academy's ethos, committing to a high-quality, inclusive education that enables every pupil to **Belong, Aspire and Achieve**.

The enclosed **Strategic Overview of the SDP provides a concise summary of the priorities that will guide our work from 2025–2028**. The School Development Plan was developed, in conjunction with the Board of Governors, through rigorous self-evaluation, consultation with pupils, parents, and staff, and guidance from the Education Authority and Department of Education. By sharing this overview, we aim to keep our entire community informed of the key themes and goals that will shape our development over the next three years.

You may already be aware; the Department of Education (DE) has advised that the *School Uniforms (Guidelines and Allowances) Bill* is now progressing to Royal Assent and therefore provides statutory guidance for all schools. As always, we are keen to hear the thoughts of our parents and students. **Please find enclosed a uniform (school and sports) survey**, which the Board of Governors will use to help inform their decisions regarding any changes to our uniform. Please be aware any changes will be phased over a period of time to ensure no undue extra expense to a parent i.e. students will be able to wear their current uniform including sport kits for a couple of years, rather than purchase new items for the start of the academic year 2026/27.

Pupils must use their C2k email address to complete the survey.

Uniform survey link: <https://forms.gle/UhXJxfKu86R3zDyG8>

Kind regards

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