



# SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

Sixth form blazer fitting appointments on open evening - PLEASE BOOK ASAP!

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, Happy New Year and we hope you and your families had an enjoyable Christmas break.

We wanted to get in touch with the parents/carers of all our current Year 11 students to ask that **if they intend to stay on at Tommies for their Sixth form, that you make a very short 5-minute appointment during the forthcoming Sixth form open evening on Thursday 02/02/2023 (16:30 - 20:00) for them to be fitted for a Sixth form blazer** (no payment will be due until after GCSE results day).

**It is important that a parent/carers attends this appointment with the student** so they can use their judgement to decide upon the size required.

### **APPOINTMENT BOOKING – Essential please read!**

Please book an appointment (which will take place in B1 in the new Business Enterprise Centre) by following this link to Reservio (our booking system) at <https://str-ptfa-uniform-shop.reservio.com/> ensuring the following:

- You choose the 2<sup>nd</sup> option: "STRS YR11 STUDENTS - Sixth form blazer fittings"
- You then select the 1<sup>st</sup> option "Anyone available"
- You make the booking in the **student's name**, rather than your own remembering to note their form (ie: "John Smith 11B")

If you are unable to attend the Sixth form open evening, we can offer a fitting appointment after school on Wednesdays (15:30 - 17:00), which can be booked by selecting the 1st option "General uniform shop openings". However, please ONLY do this if you will not be attending the open evening as these Wednesday appointments are limited.

### **NEW ORDER PROCESS**

Continuing with our drive to modernise systems, we will be using an online form for these fittings. A QR code will be visible when you arrive outside B1 for you to scan with your smart phone camera. This will allow you to enter the student's name and form, your email address and once advised by one of our fitting volunteers, the size of blazer you would like to order.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Just to clarify, although both the Lower school royal blue blazers and the Sixth form navy blazers are sourced from David Luke, they are a significantly different style and it's not possible to predict what size Sixth form blazer size will be required based on the Lower school blazer size being worn at present!

As you may already be aware, our Sixth form blazers are an Eco style which in standard lengths, can usually be sourced and embroidered in the UK within just 2-3 weeks. This is also a positive change from an environmental point of view since 100% of the polyester used in these Eco blazers is created from recycled plastic bottles instead of crude oil, resulting in a hard-wearing and high-quality sustainable fabric.

However, with GCSE results back to being released later in the Summer break and lead times still feeling the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, shortage of HGV drivers since leaving the EU and more recently the situation in the Ukraine, we feel it's prudent to again take blazer orders earlier this year and we hope that running fittings when the majority of you will already be at school for the open evening will save you an extra trip into school.

We appreciate that some students may grow significantly or unexpectedly between early February and late August, and we will of course do our very best to accommodate any exchange requests.

As regards other uniform items, the Sixth form tie is the same as the Year 11/Upper school tie. The only other uniform you will need IF the student opts for a sporty option on Wednesdays' "Games" afternoon, is the Sixth form Games kit, most of which is the same as the PE/Games kit you will already have. Any additional items required can be purchased after GCSE results day either online or by attending a post results fitting.

In the meantime, please feel free to take a look at our Sixth form uniform items collection on our online shop at <https://www.strspa.co.uk>.

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