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Dear Parent/Carer

**Education Transformation Update – school and college names and uniform arrangements**

I am pleased to be able to provide you with information on the names and uniform arrangements for the new 11-18 school and colleges. They begin to provide an identity for the new model of secondary education which has been the subject of much planning over the past 18 months.

The relevant information is set out on the following pages.

As I advised in my letter to Parents/Carers last week, the uniform arrangements for the new school and colleges along with the names of the school and colleges are subject to the States approving the capital funding required for the school extensions at St Sampson's and Les Beaucamps. It is hoped the policy letter will be debated by the States in September 2019. Subject to the approval of these proposals, we will then provide Parents/Carers with a timeline that will set out the introduction of both the new uniform and the names of the school and colleges.

We would be delighted to see you at one of the public drop-in sessions which follow other similar public events held over the past year. Members of the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture, school leaders and education officers will be at the drop-in sessions and will be pleased to discuss any aspect of our proposals with you. Plans, including detailed drawings of the new school buildings, will be available to view at these drop-in sessions. The details of the drop-in sessions are as follows:

<b>Wednesday 24 July</b>	<b>Les Beaucamps High School Hall</b>	<b>9 am – 11 am</b>
<b>Wednesday 24 July</b>	<b>Les Beaucamps High School Hall</b>	<b>5pm – 7pm</b>
<b>Monday 2 September</b>	<b>St Sampson's High School Library</b>	<b>5pm – 7pm</b>

In the meantime, I would like to wish you and your family a restful summer break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Fallaize', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Deputy Matt Fallaize**

President

Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture

### School and college names

The names of the new school and colleges have been chosen following a public consultation exercise along with staff and student surveys carried out in all existing States' secondary schools.

The new 11-18 school will be called **Lisia School**

**Lisia** is the oldest recorded name for Guernsey. It is likely to have been the name given to the Island by the Romans. Lisia was part of the Lenur Islands (now Channel Islands).

The 11-18 college on the St Sampson's site will be called **Victor Hugo College**

**Victor Hugo** was one of the most popular suggestions received by the Committee during the consultation exercise. As a political refugee and social and political reformer he became an 'islander' for 15 years and took to Guernsey and its people. Guernsey is rightly proud of its connection to one of the world's greatest writers.

The college on the Les Beaucamps site will be called **de Saumarez College**

**de Saumarez** was also frequently suggested to the Committee. The name de Saumarez can be traced back in Guernsey to the earliest surviving records. Admiral de Saumarez, a decorated hero and philanthropist, was an active campaigner for education. As well as gifting money to support a number of schools in Guernsey, he provided funds to establish three separate schools for girls on the Island in the early 1800s.

### School Uniform

The new uniform, which will be worn by students in both Victor Hugo and de Saumarez Colleges, will be as follows:

- Dark grey blazer
- Black trousers or pleated skirt
- White shirt
- The exact colour and design of the tie and crest for the new school/colleges will be decided with support from students and staff and will include Guernsey green and gold.

The Committee will ensure that alternative garments are available for children who cannot wear conventional uniform.

A link to an indicative image of the uniform can be found here:

[www.gov.gg/secondaryschool](http://www.gov.gg/secondaryschool)

The uniform has been chosen following feedback from staff and students as well as discussion with the current uniform suppliers on Island. The Committee is investigating an Eco Range where 100% of the polyester used comes from recycled plastic bottles.

The Committee is conscious that this change of uniform will result in parents having uniform in good condition that is surplus to requirements. The Office *of the* Committee for Education, Sport & Culture is establishing with charitable organisations whether this surplus uniform can be used elsewhere in the world to enable students to attend school in areas of the world where they otherwise might not have the opportunity.

The Committee is mindful that new uniform presents a significant cost to families and has therefore committed to fund all new items of uniform that students are required to change during their time at secondary school. There will therefore be no additional cost to families resulting from the introduction of new uniform. In addition to those general funding arrangements for all families, those families who are ordinarily entitled to uniform allowance will be able to claim any additional items required as normal through the Committee *for* Employment and Social Security.

The Committee has submitted a policy letter to the States requesting the funding necessary to deliver the new model of secondary education - in particular the capital funding required to extend the school buildings at St Sampson's and les Beaucamps. These proposals include provision to fund the uniform changes set out above.