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COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY STATEMENT

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***THE JAMES YOUNG HIGH
SCHOOL***

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At The James Young High School we are committed to eradicating costs that are barriers to education.

We have surveyed our pupils, parents/carers, and staff about the main costs related to attending and participating in our school community and have taken steps towards removing these costs so that all pupils have access to the same opportunities.

Materials

- While we encourage pupils to be self-sufficient and prepared for lessons, we will provide any materials required to participate in any subject, from pencils and jotters to specialist, subject-specific equipment, such as scientific calculators.
- We have also taken the decision to remove all costs associated with Home Economics and pupils will no longer have to pay for ingredients.

Dress Code

We believe that a strong dress code helps our pupils feel more included and allows our pupils to be a recognisable part of their community. However, we are aware of the unavoidable costs associated with school uniform, from the purchase of the uniform itself to the need to replace it during the year due to wear and tear or simply outgrowing it, not to mention bags, shoes, jackets and PE kits.

- All pupils will receive free of charge, a school tie and will no longer have to purchase their own.
- JY High Street in partnership with The School Bank – High quality new and nearly new clothing, bags and shoes. Instead of purchasing new uniform we encourage our pupils to recycle any items that no longer fit and we also receive donated items. Pupils receive any items from JY High Street free of charge.
- No pupil needs to buy a branded JYHS logo jumper or cardigan. They can hand in an unbranded jumper or polo shirt, and we will use our own branding machine to put logos on clothing free of charge.
- We will also encourage our S6 pupils, to donate their ties and blazers.

Trips

We recognise that trips are an integral part of the school curriculum and can have a significant impact on students and therefore want to guarantee that all pupils are able to access them. Our staff are committed to ensuring that all trips have educational value and we, as a school, will endeavour to make them available to all pupils.

- School trips are planned in advance and we have a variety of ways to help with the costs associated with trips, such as by spreading smaller payments over a longer period or by paying for part, or all, of it.
- We have allocated money from our PEF budget to pay for SIMD Q1 and FSM pupils to attend trips.

Events

- Fundraising events in our school, such as non-uniform days, require a donation only if possible. We limit the number of these events and spread them throughout the year.
- Other events, such as school shows, will have prices kept to an absolute minimum, and, similarly to our trips policy, will still be available to pupils to whom cost might be an issue.
- We have successfully introduced the Pop-up Prom, providing high-quality and fashionable clothing to borrow for any of our S6 pupils. This was launched with a successful fashion show that helped reduce the stigma associated with 'renting' rather than buying an outfit and seems to have had an impact on the number of pupils attending the prom. The money raised from the Fashion Show as well as other events e.g. S6 boys' leg waxing, has also reduced the cost for all pupils.

Eating at school

- Our canteen offers a range of healthy and low cost meals and snacks.
- The cashless catering system ensures pupils in receipt of Free Meal Entitlement are not identified to peers.

Homework

- We use Microsoft Teams and OneNote through Glow that all pupils have free access to.
- We issue laptops and Wifi access to FME students who don't have their own device or internet access.