

## CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL NAME, LOGO AND UNIFORM

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey for the consultation on our school name, logo and uniform. We had a 61% response from parents/carers, a 54% response from staff and a children's poll. There was a wide range of opinions and the results were not clear cut, except in one area relating to the P7 uniform. We therefore will need to ask you some further questions after the Easter holidays. Parents and staff will be invited to complete a survey. We will use the wide range of comments received to help create the second shorter survey.

After the second survey we will communicate the results, if changes are to be made, what the changes are and timescales.

### **P7 UNIFORM**

There was support for the idea that P7s should be identified in some way to help promote their leadership position in the school. (57% of those voting either yes or no were in favour of P7 having a separate identity). Ideas so far have included a tie, sweatshirt or badge. Pupils going into P6 and P7 in August 09 will be asked to come up with ideas for consideration. Proposals will need to reflect parents' comments that the item will only be worn for one year and costs should be low.

## Headline Results

### **SCHOOL NAME**

Of the votes cast by parents/carers for either Melrose Primary School or Melrose Grammar School, 47% opted for Melrose Primary School and 52% Melrose Grammar School. When staff views were taken into account the percentages switched with 52% in favour of Melrose Primary School and 47% voting for Melrose Grammar School.

#### **Decision**

A second vote will be sought and **the name with the highest score will be chosen.**

### **SCHOOL LOGO**

Of the votes cast by parents/carers for each of the three options, 66% chose the Shield which is based on the original school logo, 21% opted for the Rose and 13% the Bishop Fletcher Crest. 26 people (14% of all replies to this question) requested no change and two people asked for a new design. The shield was also the most popular choice of children and staff.

#### **Decision**

A second vote will be taken to decide whether we adopt the shield, the most popular of the three new choices, or retain the existing unicorn. **The logo with the highest score will be chosen.**

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The comments here were more diverse. Of the votes cast by parents/carers and staff for the three options presented, 42% opted for the Modern option (red sweatshirt or cardigan), 40% opted for the Traditional (grey jumper or cardigan with striped edging) and 18% opted for the Melrose option (black sweatshirt). 24 people requested no change. A further four asked for the blue sweatshirt to be retained and not the red. The children's favourites were the Modern and Melrose options.

In terms of coats, preferences were either for a red coat (38%) or red and black (42%).

A number of concerns were expressed about the colour black for the uniform ranging from visibility, availability, difficulty to keep clean, fading through washing, appropriateness for children.

#### **Decision**

A second survey will ask whether to retain the existing three choices of red, blue and grey tops or whether to restrict choices to just one of the existing colours. We will drop the Melrose option as it received the lowest score amongst parents/carers and staff and although it was popular amongst children there were many concerns raised about black in general. We will also ask about preferences for grey or black trousers/skirts/shorts/pinafores. **The uniform choices with the highest scores will be chosen.**

The coat will be available in two colours as at present and will match the chosen uniform, i.e. blue and red or black and red. Girls' summer dresses will also follow the chosen uniform colour.