

Feedback from uniform trial - 13th November 2014

Trousers:

- Two back pockets are an absolute essential (this comment only came from the fellas)
- Back pocket far too deep - as shown in photo by female member of staff's notebook
- Change the cut of the trousers, the style and fit is awful - drainpipe
- If side knee pockets must stay, a zip is needed because stuff falls out
- Material is really good
- Too awkward to iron properly, with the logo on side pocket
- Roundel ok coz it's the same colour as item-
- Waistband elasticsation - 'genius'
- Needs to be a choice of whether lined or not
- Lightweight and heavyweight options needed
- If only one option, lighter weight one is preferred because trial pair will be too hot in summer and too cold in winter
- Pulls around the knee area because of the side pockets
- Fine after a wash and iron, when you can actually get to iron it properly
- Ladies trousers could be a bit longer but better than current
- Too itchy
- No space for average to bigger bums
- Material too thick, not breathable for wearing 10 hours a day



- Depth of pockets great but keys can stab legs
- Too much wool
- The fit is far better than the current
- Not smart enough - feels like a piggy-in-the-middle of casual and smart

Roundel:

- Too many
- People not pleased with the corruption of the roundel (the never ending strip). It's a icon in itself and it's been messed with, insulting
- Far too garish and bright and overuse.

Jumper:

- Feels too thin
- Too itchy even after washing and doused in fabric softener
- Looks childish - not smart or professional
- Big roundels - not welcome

Skirt:

- Styled only for those size 12 and under

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Fleecington:

- Too boxy
- No drawstring at the bottom so the wind shoots straight up so regardless of tog thickness, it's still freezing
- Not warm enough because of thickness
- Is too boxy for the drainpipe trousers
- Cuffs too wide, not elasticated thick like the current fleece
- We're told the Fleecington cannot have a drawstring or elastic because of the material. A different material is needed instead then instead of wasting so much £ on an item that will be of little use in the winter or windy spring/autumns
- looks better than the jumper
- Red collar is trendy
- Inside collar to be darker, for same reason as coat
- Too short in length
- Too 'much' roundel - shouldn't be all the way
- Sleeves too short
- Rigid - layers beneath makes wearer feel suffocated
- Velcro ripped off pocket within 3 days
- The colour on the iron-on logo and stripe on the back of the fleecington are beginning to rub off after contact with my bag strap

- Collar not close enough to keep you warm in winter without wearing a scarf
- Like the double zip and inside pocket

Polo shirt:

- Iron on patch not acceptable - looks amateurish and will look grubby far too soon. Some type of embroidery needed. Been told that it's not possible because of the polo shirt material - well surely change the material to something better then? We have embroidered presently.
- If iron on is the only roundel option, simply remove it
- Pocket is missing. Needed for notebook, glasses, pen etc. Exactly what fella wearing badly cut shirt (attached photo) uses his pocket for
- OK apart from logos everywhere
- More buttons needed, at least one more to bring it level with current but another two wouldn't be a problem
- Opening too high up
- Sleeves too baggy, present ones better, slightly fitted
- Male and female too short in length
- Sleeves too short. A 6'2" driver tried L & XL but the XL sleeves were shorter than the L sleeves!
- Fits well in body
- Cuff too narrow

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Coat:

- No drawstring waist to stop draughts up your middle
- No elastic cuff
- Red collar is not practical because coats are not washed often like other uniform items and they will get dirty and grubby too quickly. Can we have a dark inside collar but keep the red on the outside?
- Extremely thin - far too thin for an outer layer. Should not have to wear every single layer of uniform (and more) in order to keep warm beneath the coat. The removable bodywarmer makes it just about bearable but you should not have to throw your arms about whilst standing still or walking in order to keep the blood circulating in your arms. It has the material properties of a shirt.
- No radio hole
- Badly fitted- long sleeves/snug around the hips or fit on hips with sleeves that touch the floor.
- The difference between small and medium is around 3-4 sizes in real terms
- Best item because the rest have roundels on the back

Hat:

- Too small for most people because the lining does not stretch - alternative option (pictured) preferred 😊



Shoes:

- 1C is a good fit whereas 1B is too wide and the 1A boot is too narrow
- Female shoe too close to the ground. Feet freezing and really sore ankles and heels when standing or walking for any length of time because there's no support of cushioning underfoot, even after purchasing insoles. More comfort is needed. 1A style.
- Please keep shoes 1A, it can be worn by people who have medical problems with their feet - as discovered by a Camden S.A
- Lose red band - looks ugly & is not practical when polishing or trying to keep clean
- 1E boots comfortable but thicker insole needed coz heels hurt and toes start to numb
- 1E tongue keeps working it way down into the sides of the boot

Zip cardigan:

- Too many stripes
- Fabric of cardigan & jumper are too itchy/scratchy
- Would never wear it because of the red in the middle

Blazer:

- Fit in sleeves/too big in body or fit in body/sleeves too short
- Fine in style but too short in length.

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Shirt:

- Colour unappealing - should stick with current colour and red cravat
- Too many roundels
- Colours - fine, not too bad
- Iron on patch not acceptable - looks amateurish and will look grubby far too soon. Some type of embroidery needed
- Badly cut shirt on staff member pictured, his shoulders do not droop particularly more than others
- Name badge swab is in wrong place as seen on attached photo
- Poor quality stitching, pocket ripped off on the first day (ripped off at bottom) as seen on attached photo
- Deeper pocket needed as seen on attached photo
- Button down collar needed. If not, certainly deeper collar needed. They'll end up upwards, especially if not ironed properly.



Mens tie:

- There were 3 tie options, now we're down to just one colour
- Velcro needed

Ladies tie:

- Very disappointed, was expecting smart cravat in same material as mens tie

Trousers/skirt/jumper:

- made from itchy material.

Jacket:

- shaping for women is nonexistent.

Whole uniform:

- Too busy when worn altogether. Fine individually, awful together. Clashing of colours makes it too loud. And nothing seems to match either.
- Many long sleeved items are far too short - only the coat has proper long sleeves
- logos on front ok, logos on back too many and loud

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