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Dear Parent/Carer

As we move rapidly towards the end of session, I am writing to provide you with a few updates in advance of our final newsletter.

School Uniform

Further to my letter of 30th April, I want to remind you again that we will be re-introducing full uniform as of the start of the new session in August.

Our secondary school uniform includes the following items:

- Plain black footwear (including plain black training shoes)
- Black trousers (including plain black denims), black skirt or black leggings.
- White shirt or blouse
- School tie
- Plain black jumper or cardigan

Please note that further to consultation with the Pupil Council in recent sessions, we widened our dress code to include black denims and plain black training shoes. We agreed with the pupils that these items can offer more comfort whilst still looking smart. From session 21/22 we will also be allowing leggings for the same reasons.

Some of the items deemed not to meet our school uniform requirements include:

- Hoodies
- Coloured trainers
- Coloured jumpers
- Jumpers with prominent branding

Although the school has managed without uniform for a full session, we do consider that on balance it is better for us to move back to it. We believe uniform supports the development of school identity and can also reduce bullying behaviour. Parents also tell us that the pursuit of fashion can put an unhelpful pressure on our young people on school mornings in a way that uniform does not.



SQA Provision Results (S4-6)

It is our intention to make these available via a report on Monday 21st June. As I have said before, the results in this report will be final. That is why I am taking this opportunity again to urge parents to contact the school if they have any concerns about the grades they anticipate their child receiving from the school. We cannot of course guarantee pupils the grades they or their parents would like, but we are certainly committed to discussing queries with parents if they arise. We have also now been in touch with the parents of any pupils whose grades may fall in comparison to the grade shown in the May report. Most of these pupils have been given an additional assessment opportunity this week. It would be really helpful to the school if any further queries from parents came in by the end of this week.

Activities Days

It has been so nice for pupils and staff to leave classrooms and take to the outdoors for a range of activities today. After such a challenging year, it has been a real tonic for everyone to have this more informal opportunity to build relationships. Another such opportunity will present itself on Monday afternoon when I have advised staff that they may show classes the Scotland v Czech Republic match during lesson time. This is a significant cultural moment for our country, which has not qualified for an international football tournament for well over 20 years, and I hope that the opportunity to watch this match with friends in school will be a memory our young people will recall for many years. I also hope this concession will discourage any pupils who may have been tempted to stay at home on Monday. I should add that schoolwork can be provided for any pupil who would prefer not to watch the game. Pupils may also pursue another leisure activity during this time, such as reading a book, if they are not interested in the football.

Finally, we are encouraging pupils to wear something Scottish on Monday, whether a tartan tammy or a Scotland top.

Driving on the Campus

We have had a few reports of drivers entering the Campus at speed, which is a risk to our pupils at any time, but particularly the end of the school day as many young people depart the school. Just this week, we have had a narrow miss when a vehicle came close to knocking down one of our primary pupils. We hope to get some signage for the Campus soon which may help to discourage speeding, but I would urge all parents in the meantime to take great care when driving on Campus.

Your faithfully



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