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HEAD TEACHER Mr C. J. Coole

19th May 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Uniform September 2018

Although we are still in the final half term of the current school year, we are already planning and looking forward to the next academic year in September 2018.

As part of that planning, we have developed a new Ready to Learn policy. This policy represents a change with how we manage behaviour in all areas of the school. In order to ensure as smooth a start to the new year as possible we will run a series of four information sessions for parents to give an introduction to the policy and highlight the changes to the school's approach in this area.

The sessions will take place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st of June and all sessions will take place in the Main Hall at Lower School. There are two sessions each evening with start times at 5pm and 6:30pm. Running time will be approximately one hour and we would encourage you to attend to ensure that you are fully aware of this new approach.

You can sign up for these sessions in the normal way by using the link below.

snhs.im/parents/parentsevening

Students will also be given a series of assemblies over the next few weeks to ensure that they are fully aware of the Ready to Learn policy too and we will run a trial week in July too.

In order to further ensure a smooth start to the new academic year, we would also like to draw your attention to the school uniform policy, which has been amended slightly. A copy of this is enclosed for your ease of reference and it is also available on our school website.

On the whole, the uniform remains the same as it has been this year. Some minor changes include a simplification of the policy as a whole, so that there is less repetition of listing uniform separately for boys and girls. With regards to some of the specific changes, we are allowing students to wear tailored grey shorts if they wish, we have also given more specific guidance as to what types of trousers are not considered school uniform and we have added an optional

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school jumper which can be worn under the school blazer if a student wishes to. These crested school jumpers will be available from Promenade T-shirts soon.

By working together on this we can ensure that all students have the most enjoyable experience possible when attending St. Ninian's High School.

We want all of our students to feel proud wearing their uniform and on the whole, this is the case. However, past experience has taught us that a minority of students can insist on an interpretation of the school uniform that does not reflect our uniform policy. This leads to situations where the time and resources of the school are focused on enforcing the uniform policy. I'm sure you'd rather we spent that time working with your child and yourselves to promote their personal wellbeing and academic success over the coming year and beyond.

We also have a designated kit for Games/PE that can also be found on the enclosed uniform policy. PE/Games kit can be purchased from major sports retailers and locally from:

- Intersport, 47 Strand Street, Douglas
- Promenade T Shirts (Queens Promenade, Douglas, hooded tops only)

We would be extremely grateful if you could refer to the enclosed policy when buying your child their new school uniform for the academic year 2018/19. If you have any queries or if we can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. C. Coole
Headteacher