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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware we introduced Blazers last year for all pupils in S1, S5 and S6. As part of this process we canvassed opinion at Parent Council Meetings, Pupil Management Group Meetings and Pupil Focus Groups. We also included a question in all of our Parents/Carers Meeting Surveys seeking views on this subject.

It was clear that there was a significant majority in favour of uniform and as such we:

- ✓ Introduced Blazers, without braiding to new S1 and S5 pupils starting August 2018, with the aim of **all Year Groups wearing Blazers in August 2019**

S6 pupils will wear the usual Blazers with red braiding

- ✓ Blazers without braiding will cost £30 or £35, depending on size, and can be purchased from
School Wear Made Easy
28 Wallneuk Road
Paisley
PA3 4BT
Tel 0141 889 7206

In June Blazers can be sold back to the school for between £15 and £20, depending on condition, and a new Blazer then purchased

At the end of S5 the Blazer can be handed in to have braiding attached for £25, and then collected from School Wear Made Easy just prior to returning in August

- ✓ We already have a range of Blazers that we have bought back from S6 pupils, with and without braiding, and are targeting more returns from them. If you are interested in a pre-owned Blazer then please feel free to telephone the school office who will be happy to arrange a time to show you our current stock of Blazers for purchase for approx. £15 - £20, again dependent on condition
- ✓ Some current S5 pupils created a new S6 tie for session 2019/2020. **At that point the S1 – S5 pupils will wear our existing senior tie, and S6 will wear their newly designed tie.**

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We will also continue our whole school commitment to uniform:

- White Shirt (allows the school tie to be worn properly)
- School Tie (above the second top button – always visible)
- Black/Navy Trousers or Skirt (modest length)
- Black/Navy Jumper or Cardigan which allows school tie to be visible
- Plain Black Shoes

We appreciate the possible cost implications of having Blazers and as such we have an available stock of new shirts, trousers, skirts and blazers and will support families as appropriate with these if requested.

Having looked at all our 'neighbouring' top schools in Scotland it is recognised that school identity plays a significant role in improving attainment. Through our own analysis, there are very clear links with uniform and both attainment and achievement.

On Thursday 18 April, School Wear Made Easy will be in school over lunchtime to measure current S4 pupils, and periods 6/7 for S2 and S3 pupils for Blazers. This does not commit you to buying the Blazer however it will help School Wear Made Easy in having the correct size of Blazers in stock for starting in August. If you would prefer that your child does not get measured for a Blazer then please give them a note to hand in on Thursday morning. School Wear Made Easy will provide further detail in regard to payment and collection of Blazers.

We appreciate the possible cost implications of having Blazers, and have provided an option of telephoning the school office to arrange a time to see our current stock of pre-owned Blazers, however we also have available stock of new shirts, trousers, skirts and blazers and we will support families as appropriate with these if requested.

We firmly believe this will enable us to take another step forward in regard to pupil attainment and their achievements.

Thank you for your continued support and we would ask you to please check our school website for updates (as well as Twitter, Facebook and Show My Homework for detail on the achievements of our pupils)

Yours sincerely

Mr Colin Johnson
Head Teacher

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