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Dear Parents

### **School Uniform**

I wrote to all parents in May 2007 about interim plans for school uniform. With almost a year's experience behind us, we are very pleased with the way in which the arrangements have worked. As expected, any slight differences between girls' uniforms have hardly been noticeable. The interim arrangements have one more year to run, but I am writing to update parents with the progress we have made in planning the uniform which will be worn from September 2009.

I am very grateful to the School Council for all the hard work the members have put into discussing various options. Our Deputy Head, Miss Rebecca Appleyard and our female School Captain, Amy Jauncey, have gone to immense trouble in researching fabrics and styles, and looking at what pupils wear at other schools. The main objectives have been to design a uniform which is comfortable, practical and smart, and which minimises costs to parents.

From September 2009, boys' uniform will remain unchanged apart from the colour of the stripe in the tie, which will reflect membership of one of the six new Houses. The major items of girls' uniform will be as follows:

- A machine-washable RGS blazer. We are investigating the possibility of producing a blazer with a less traditional, more contemporary cut which may be available from the summer of 2009.
- A Graham of Menteith plaid skirt made from the same material as the current RGS skirt, but with a slightly adapted cut.
- For girls in Years 7 and 8, a pale blue open-necked blouse.
- For girls in Years 9, 10 and 11, a white open-necked, fitted blouse with RGSAO embroidered on the left side. This blouse is already available from Schooltogs in short-sleeve or three-quarter sleeve versions.
- Summer uniform: girls in Year 7 and 8 may wear the existing AO summer dress. Girls in Years 9, 10 and 11 will adhere to the same summer dress regulations as boys (ie. blazers need not be worn). We will, however, be investigating the design of a new middle school summer dress which will be more appropriate for young women.

I will be in touch again once firm decisions have been made about the new girls' summer uniform. In the meantime, please contact Miss Appleyard if you require clarification.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Rattne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Headmaster