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Dear Parents

I am really looking forward to taking up the post of Headteacher at Smithdon High School in September. It is an exciting proposition, not least due to the ambition of the students and commitment of the staff.

Just in the last couple of weeks the school has hosted a primary sports day, organised and led by Year 10 students; a Science day for Year 8; a performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' for those students transitioning from primary school; Sixth Form and College days for Year 10; a successful Duke of Edinburgh expedition for Year 9 pupils, and Year 7 and 8 Word Millionaires were treated to an ice cream on the seafront. Finally, on the penultimate day of the year was "Smithdon's Got Talent", which followed on from a fabulous performance of 'High School Musical' earlier in the year.

Plans for next year include greater sports participation; student leadership positions; the school performance of 'Legally Blonde'; an increased number of school trips; more music, and a host of visitors to the school for the students to learn from and with.

Can I also remind you of the changes to uniform next year.

- Year 7 will have a new navy blazer with a red trim.
- All other years can continue to wear the black blazer unless they wish to change, then they may buy the navy blazer from school supply.
- Ties will all have a red stripe - black for those with a black blazer and navy for those with the navy blazer (these will be exchanged for their current tie in September)
- Trousers will be mid grey in standard, comfort or slim fit.
- Skirts are to be grey, box pleat skirts with the school badge, which can only be purchased from the school.
- School shoes must be black and either leather or leather-appearance with no branding. Training shoes are not permitted.

A more detailed description of the uniform can be found in the attached document. Uniform orders can be picked up at the school on the afternoon of 22 August, where off-the-peg purchases of the school skirt may also be made. If any parent requires assistance in the purchase of the uniform, please complete a Learning Support Fund application form.

Included with this letter is a copy of the School Rules, Rewards and Consequences guidelines for September. The rules are clear and based upon politeness, kindness and being prepared for every lesson. I am very keen that, as a school, we acknowledge and concentrate on the positive achievements so many of our students make or are capable of making. Please read through and discuss this booklet with your child before we start back in September.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 7 students into school on Wednesday 4 September and all other students on Thursday 5 September. I hope all staff, students and their families have a restful and relaxing summer and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

**Mr J Hirst**  
**Headteacher Designate**

