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Dear Parent/Carer

As your child starts their new academic year on 20th June I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some key aspects of Year 9.

As the students move from 'Lower School' (Key Stage 3) to Year 9 (now a mixture of Key Stages 3 and 4) the pastoral support for the year group will change. The Head of Year is replaced by a Learning Manager and a Pastoral Officer. The Learning Manager for Year 9 will be Miss Keighley who will have the overall responsibility for the academic progress of the year group. She will work with class teachers, Heads of Department and tutors to ensure that your child is making the expected progress across all subjects.

The Pastoral Officer will be Mr Berry who will be responsible for the day to day general needs of the Year Group. If you need to contact the school about any general issue please use Mr Berry as your first port of call, if you have any subject specific queries please direct these to the class teacher and any issues regarding overall academic progress contact Miss Keighley.

Your child's uniform will stay the same until the end of the summer term and from September it will be the new green kilts and ties. All of the uniform guidelines are available on our website but if you are in any doubt about appropriate uniform please contact us.

New individual timetables and planners will be distributed to pupils by Thursday 16th June. The new curriculum is proving much more flexible for students and is already delivering improved exam results, building on an already strong base of success that the school has enjoyed for a number of years.

Key option choices will be made by all Year 9 pupils in January 2011 relating to their option packages in Year 10 and 11; information regarding this will be sent to you nearer the time.

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Some other important dates for your diary:

Tuesday 14 th June	Staff Training Day
Thursday 30 th June (1.45pm)	Prizegiving Ceremony (parents are very welcome to attend)
Friday 1 st July	Staff Training Day
Friday 22 nd July (12.35pm)	End of summer term
Monday 5 th September	Start of Autumn Term

Can I thank you for your support for the school and your children over the past year. There is a growing sense of confidence in the year group and we are all looking forward to seeing them rise to the challenge of their new subjects along with continuing to enjoy the extra curricular and wider life of the school. A recent survey showed that 60% of all students in school participate regularly in at least one extra curricular activity. This is a critical part of the success of the school, and is to be encouraged.

Yours sincerely



Mr C A Sugden
Headteacher