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Dear Parents/Carers

### **School Dress Code Session 2013-14**

Culloden Academy has a dress code which I am keen to see being followed more consistently. Amongst the reasons I am strongly in favour of a school dress code which all pupils follow are the facts that:

- It improves school security by making it easier to identify intruders.
- It is better value than clothing pupils may press parents to buy for school.
- It will give greater equality of appearance and discourage remarks about who can or cannot afford designer clothes.
- It gives a sense of community and a simple focus on what matters- learning.
- It encourages better conduct and improves the atmosphere for learning.
- It could help to reduce truancy by identifying pupils when not in school.
- It heightens the reputation of the school in the community- some of whom are future employers of our young people.

The agreed school dress code for Culloden Academy is:

- Sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper *black or grey (available with school logo).*
- Shirt/blouse *black or white* OR
- Polo shirt *black, white, grey or purple (available with school logo)* OR
- V-neck t-shirt *black or white (available with school logo).*
- Trousers/skirt- *black only.*
- Tie (expected for S5/6, optional for S1-4) *S5/6 purple, S1-4 striped.*

Other optional elements, available through the catalogue are:

- Pleated skirt- *Isle of Skye tartan*
- Body warmer- *Black with logo*
- Blazer- *black with logo, and braid for prefects.*

I am aware that some parents feel that the official school-wear is too expensive and prefer to buy jumpers and polo shirts from other sources which do not have the Culloden Academy logo on them. Similarly, some pupils prefer a certain style of jumper or blouse. This is fine- so long as they are plain and do not have any other logo on them. However, for the reasons outlined above, **from August all pupils should be clearly identifiable as a pupil of Culloden Academy and so I would ask that all pupils either have at least one item with a logo on it or are wearing the school tie.**

It is my intention in 12 months that all pupils are wearing a school tie but for session 2013-14, S1-4 will be permitted to wear other school wear if they need time to get used to the heightened expectations. We will encourage them to wear the tie next session but it will not be expected of all until session 2014-15.

Yours faithfully

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