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Dear Parents

I am delighted to inform you that the students in Year 11 who sat public examinations earlier in the summer have been richly rewarded for all their hard work. In results that were published a few days ago, the school has reached another important point in its history. I am proud to announce that the class of 2014 has been collectively responsible for producing our best results to date.

There are many success stories and so much to be pleased with. Helena, for example, secured 9 A* and 1 A, four students scooped a total of 30 A* and As and a quarter of all grades were either A* or A. When it comes to the International Certificate of Education, we had four distinctions, 10 merits and three distinctions in Business English. Seven students also scored 6.0 or more in their IELTS examinations.

These are tremendous results because they illustrate the combined effects of high quality teaching and students' hard work. Some additional Mathematics results are published next week. I imagine they will be equally well received.

To be honest, I only wish I could be as cheerful regarding the current state of play with the school uniform. You will recall, we were all set to have it supplied in good time for the start of the new academic year. Then there was a hiatus and we had to start all over again. We are currently at the contract agreement stage with John Lewis. That should be concluded soon, however, it will mean that personalised items of school uniform will not be available for the start of term. I appreciate this is annoying, however, I do share your frustration.

Thankfully, the standard items of uniform are clearly defined in the handbook that was sent out at the end of last term. I would humbly suggest these items are now purchased from a high street or on-line supplier. I am not being insensitive, just practical. I feel sure I can depend upon your support. I am aware that Sally has already advised many of you that we have a supply of blazer badges. That is true. Just let us know what you need. We can also arrange a sewing on badge service too. Please contact Sarah Rowe for more details (sarah.rowe@iesmail.com).

A fixed number of IES skirts were ordered at the end of last term and these have arrived. If your daughter still needs one, Sarah Rowe can arrange a fitting before the start of term. Then we can put in another order. I am now aiming for all girls to be in the new IES skirts by the start of the second half of the new term. Again, this is not ideal but it has to be the fairest compromise.

I will give you a further update, if anything changes, between now and the start of term.

Enjoy the rest of the summer holiday.
Kind regards

Simon Larter
Headmaster