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Dear Staff and Pupils

Thank you so much for the Scotland shirts you sent out to The Gambia. The boys and young lads were delighted to get them. We are really pleased too; it is good to see Scotland shirts among all the English and Manchester United ones!

We have been in The Gambia for almost a year, learning about the country and its culture. Now the boys with the Scotland shirts want to know more about Scotland and what it is like to live in a COLD country. Gambians think it is cold when the temperature drops to 18oC - a warm summers' day for Scots. They cannot imagine what it would be like to live in a country that can be as cold as a fridge!



These are just a few of the happy faces of those who received your shirts – some have been asking for them for months! Happy faces of Mr Porteous and Miss Parsons too.



Gambian children either go to school in the morning from 8am – 1pm or in the afternoon from 1 – 6pm. Most prefer to go in the morning – get it over with! They have exams every year and if they do not pass their exam they have to stay in that year until they do pass. Some can be quite old when they leave school!

Thank you once again for your kindness

Yours faithfully

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