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Dear Parent/Carer,

Marr Malawi Partnership

I am delighted to announce that during the 2016/17 session Marr College will be joining in the proud tradition of Scottish schools by establishing a partnership with the community of Ntenjera in Malawi. Scotland and Malawi have a history of friendship and cultural exchange that dates back more than 150 years to the time of David Livingstone.

The opportunities that a partnership with a community in Malawi offers go to the very heart of the values of the Curriculum for Excellence outlined by the Scottish Government; contribute to building the Culture and Ethos of the school, one of the three priorities outlined in the School Improvement Plan; and is a key step in the school achieving the United Nations award of a Rights Respecting School.

Through a partnership founded on principles of respect, reciprocity and friendship young people from both countries can expand their horizons, recognise their place in an ever-more connected world and learn the qualities of true global citizenship.

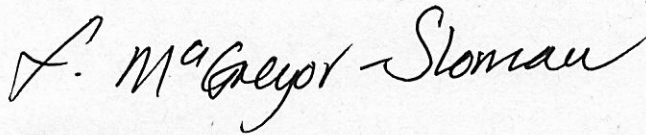
On 20th September a representative of Classroom for Malawi (a Scottish based charity) will hand-deliver an introduction from Marr College to Ntenjera. Included will be a profile of Marr College put together by a group of our sixth years. To give the young people of Ntenjera a flavour of life in Troon we also want to include a collection of letters from our young people telling of life at Marr College. English is the language of education in Malawi but it is not the language spoken at home so we ask that letters be kept to between 200-250 words and use clear, simple English so they can be read and enjoyed by the young people in Ntenjera. All letters submitted will be read by members of staff and a selection from a range of year groups will be sent to Malawi. There will be a Malawi Post Box in school where letters can be posted until Wednesday the 14th September.

You will be able to check the school website where a copy of the letters that will be sent to Malawi, along with the school profile will be displayed. We will also post the replies we receive from our partner school as well as any updates on our exciting new global partnership.

In what already promised to be one of the most exciting years in the 81 years of Marr College with the completion of our fabulous new building, we are delighted that our young people and wider community will be able to share our values and ethos with the wider world.

We look forward to your support in this exciting partnership. If you have any further questions regarding our partnership with Ntenjera, please contact Mr S Harris via the school's email address.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mrs. McGregor-Sloman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mrs McGregor-Sloman
Head Teacher