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Dear John,

Thank you for your letter about the erosion of housemasters' freedoms.

I fully accept that there must be uniformity on certain matters, but some of us feel that there is no need for rigidity about matters such as timings of exeats. We accept that there should be guidelines and these guidelines should be observed unless there are good grounds for doing otherwise. Housemasters are usually capable of deciding whether there should be any variation.

After the meeting someone said to me that he was really fed up with having to go cap in hand to seek permission to use his own common sense.

I suppose that my complaint is unnecessary rigidity on the one hand and the gross hypocrisy of some, who pretend that they wish to have rigid rules and yet they openly flout them.

I think that the Head of Senior School does a difficult job very well. There are probably occasions when parents go direct to her when they should first come through us, but that is the fault of the parents. I do like to use my own judgement about matters such as going home early.

I apologize if I was rude, but I do feel that the role of housemastering has become far less attractive - at any rate in short term one with an ever increasing amount of paperwork.

Yours sincerely,

John - Harvey