

Dear Parent/Carer

This has once again been a very busy month for all of the pupils and staff in Abercorn and everyone is looking forward to their mid-term break. This term our senior pupils and staff have been working hard toward their SQA qualifications. We are awaiting feedback from SQA for one department that had their work verified with other departments busy preparing for SQA to visit us before the end of March.

As always the pupils have been involved in a variety of activities including cross country and numerous outings. Our football team is continuing to play very well - well done to the players and coaches!!!

Over the next few months parents of S2 and S3 pupils will be invited to an information session to discuss SQA qualifications and the opportunities that our young people will have to personalise their curriculum. I realise that this is a stressful time for parents/carers, staff and young people however our young people enjoy the opportunity to personalise their curriculum and achieve success.

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Mr Kerr has moved on to pastures new. As many of you know Mr Kerr has worked tirelessly for the school and the Special Olympics all of our pupils over the last 19 years, he has been an excellent teacher and ambassador for Abercorn and he will be a great loss to our school. I would like to thank him for his hard work and dedication and I am sure you will join me in wishing him every success in his new school.

We have also appointed a number of new Principal Teachers of Pastoral Care who will take up their posts during the month of February. Mr Dorrian and Mr Connor are both staff that both yourself and the pupils are familiar with, in addition to this we have Mrs MacKenzie joining us. The new Pupil Support Team Year Heads are:

| S1 – Mrs MacKenzie | S4 – Mrs MacKenzie (from March) |
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| S2 – Mr Connor | S5 – Miss Campbell |
| S3 – Mr Dorrian | S6 – Mr Shields |

Included with this newsletter is an letter inviting S1, S5 and S6 parents/carers to our parents' evening on Thursday, 28 February. Please return this letter by Friday, 15 February to allow appointment times to be allocated.

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S4 Work Experience/Work Awareness



Our S4 pupils will be experiencing the world of work during the week beginning 4th February. A number of pupils will be on a week-long placement with an employer and the others will be visiting a

few different workplaces throughout the week to gain an awareness of the different employment opportunities available.

Tennent's Training Academy



A group of young people studying Home Economics attended a recent workshop at the Tennent's Training Academy where they had the opportunity to create a food product in a commercial kitchen setting. They had an absolutely fantastic time and were delighted with

the very professional looking sausage rolls they produced. Our thanks go to the Tennent's Training Academy for facilitating this visit and for their continued support.

Social Enterprise

S3 pupils studying business have created a Social Enterprise called "Aberscone". They will sell scones to staff on a monthly basis and they plan to use their profits to help

the homeless through Social Bite. They were recently visited by Jay Lamb from the Social Enterprise Academy who thought they had great ideas and he



has invited them to take their business plan to the Glasgow's Dragons Den event in the City Chambers next month. We wish them luck in the competition.

Athletics Club



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Dates for your Diary (February 2019)

S4 Reviews taking place throughout the month – appointments will be advised individually

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