Abercorn News

January 2014

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 the new SQA qualifications. A number of departments have been verified by SQA and so far we have received very positive feedback. As always the pupils have been involved in a variety of activities including swimming galas, football tournaments, and Rugby.

Over the next few months parents of S2 and S3 pupils will be invited to a information session to discuss the new qualifications and the opportunities that our young people will have to personalise their curriculum. I realise that the introduction of this new curriculum is a stressful time for parents, staff and young people however to date our young people are coping well with these changes this year and we are confident that our pupils will continue to cope very well with the new qualifications.

Finally, Mrs Youngson retired from teaching on Friday, 31 January. Mrs Youngson worked in Abercorn for over 20 years, she was committed to ensuring that the needs of all of our young people were met and in particular was passionate about our literacy programme. I know that you will join me in wishing her a long and happy retirement.

Patricia McGowan

Mid Term Holiday
Monday, 10 & Tuesday, 11 February
Inset Day Wednesday, 12 February

Dates for your Diary (February 2014)

S3/S4 Reviews throughout February – Parents to be advised of appointments

Monday 10th	Mid-Term holiday
Tuesday 11th	Mid-Term holiday
Wednesday 12th	Inset Day
Monday 17th – Friday 21zf	S4 Work Experience/Awareness Programme
Monday 17th	Primary School Transition afternoon (pupils to attend)
Friday 21st	Football Tournament
Wednesday 21th	S4 Mock Interviews
Monday 24th	Primary School Transition afternoon (pupils to attend)
Wednesday 26th	Dragon's Den Event (City Chambers)