



# Abercorn News

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am very happy to be writing my first newsletter of the new school session and thought it was important to provide you with up-to-date staffing and contact information. I would like to thank your kindness at the end of the end of last term as I am sure you are all aware it was a difficult time for me and I was sorry to have missed our excellent Awards Ceremony.

As many of you are aware we have a number of vacancies within the school and I hope to be in a position to interview for these over the next couple of months. In the meantime Mr Shields will continue as Acting Depute Head Teacher. As a result of these posts we have a number of new staff within the school and I would like to welcome:

- Mr Urquhart who will teach a variety of subjects including Maths
- Mrs Jenkins who will teach English and will be in school on a Monday and Tuesday
- Ms O'Neill who will teaching a variety of subjects including Literacy
- Miss McLaughlin who will teach RE and support the PE department
- Pat Campbell, is our permanent janitor
- In addition a number of temporary staff have returned including: Mr Anderson, Mr Cochrane, Miss McAllister, Miss McLaughlin, Mrs Reilly (Thursday/Friday) and Mrs Turkington (Wednesday/Thursday)

## Pastoral Care Year Head Information

As you are all aware we have an excellent pastoral care system within the school, therefore it is important to know who your son/daughter's Pastoral Care Year Head is. Please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss your son/daughter's health and well being.

Pastoral Care Year Head's are:

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| • S1        | Mr Robertson  |
| • S2 and S3 | Mr Kerr       |
| • S4        | Miss Campbell |
| • S5 and S6 | Mr Shields    |

## Student Tutor's

In addition to a Pastoral Care Year Head, a pupil's first point of contact would be their Student Tutor who they see for Student Tutor Time each morning (8.55 – 9.25 am) and who they can approach with any issues or concerns at any other point in the day. This year they are as follows:

1A – Miss McAllister	1B – Mr Close	1C – Mrs Green	
2A – Mrs Collie	2B – Mr Cochrane	2C – Miss McLaughlin	
3A – Mr Connor	3B – Mr Baird	3C – Mr Devlin	3D – Mr Anderson
4A – Miss Brown	4B – Mrs Johnston	4C – Miss Thomson	
5A – Mr Dorrian	5B – Miss Walsh	5C – Mrs Coupar	
6A – Mr McNab	6B – Miss Jaffrey		

## School Lunches

I am sure many of you will remember that last session Glasgow City Council decided to increase the cost of a school lunch to £1.40 or £7.00 per week. If you are entitled to receive free school meals please apply for this as soon as possible, contact the school if you require a new application form.

## School Uniform

It has been lovely to see so many of you in school during the last few days buying the school cardigans and ties. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school uniform in Abercorn: Black trousers/skirt, white shirt, school tie, black cardigan/jumper, black shoes.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all of our young people who were very successful in their SQA qualifications and a number of pupils are awaiting confirmation of their ASDAN awards – well done everyone and keep-up the good work. I will provide you with more information at the end of this month.

Patricia McGowan