

## HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 29 August 2023

### SQA Attainment

The attainment of our young people in SQA examinations was very good again this year. We are very proud of their success.

In **S4**, over half achieved 5 National 5s with 20% getting 5 or more A grades. This is in line with our pre-covid attainment and higher than South Ayrshire average. Almost all pupils achieved a qualification in both English and Maths with most achieving Literacy and Numeracy at SCQF Level 5 (National 5 level).

In **S5**, half achieved at least 3 Highers and 24% achieved 5 or more. Again, this is in line with or better than pre-Covid attainment and higher than South Ayrshire averages.

50% of **S6** pupils left with 5 or more Highers (84% of the year group as an S6 cohort) and 41% achieved 1 or more Advanced Highers (68% of S6 cohort). The attainment of this year group is outstanding and the best on record.

Overall, the school's attainment is very strong and consistently higher than our comparators.

### Staffing

The school roll is currently sitting at 823. Last year we were 844 at this point in the term. Our full capacity is 852. The S1 intake this year was 151 (compared to 157 last year) and S5 and S6 leavers have increased slightly. Our staffing entitlement this year is approximately 59.5 full time equivalent.

New staff have taken up post as follows:

- Art - Miss Hunter (temporary Tue/Thr/Fri)
- English – Mr Lawrie (full time permanent)
- Maths - Miss Holmes (Thur/Fri until October then full time permanent)
- Music – Miss McMeechan (full time temporary – mat leave for Mrs Robertson)
- PE - Mr Morris (full time permanent); Mr Sinclair (NQT)
- Pupil Support – Mrs Charlton (Mon/Tues/Wed)

Mrs Thomas is acting Principal Teacher of Guidance for Belleilse during Mrs Dorrans' absence.

### School Building

Refurbishment work took place in the summer to upgrade the foyer, the library, the learning room and ICT suite. New lighting, ventilation and ICT equipment has been installed. Doors and branding on the pillars and windows will be finished off in the September weekend. The entrance to the school now looks very smart and welcoming.

### Upcoming events

Thursday 14 September – Senior Phase/UCAS information evening

Friday 22/Monday 25 September – Holiday weekend

Tuesday 26 September – Parent Council AGM and Parent Forum

Wed 4 October – S1/2 Open Evening

11/12 October – School Show – Mary Poppins

### Theme of the Month – Our Values in Focus

September – **Respect** – UNICEF Rights of the child and revisiting anti-bullying policy and positive relationships policy