

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 27 August 2024

Theme of the Month – Community

Every month we have a theme that aims to promote our school values and build a positive ethos. We talk about the theme at assemblies and the work at Daily Personal Support each morning is related to the topic. This month the theme is Community. As we welcome back our young people, we are reminding them that at Kyle we work together to make it a place that everyone feels happy, secure and safe in. We want all our young people to feel like they belong and to join in. We are reminding them of the school values and expectations about how we treat one another. The theme of Community is also one of the ways we are welcoming our new S1s into the Kyle family.

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**, exactly half achieved 5 National 5s with 43% getting 5 or more A/B grades. This is higher than the South Ayrshire average. 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**, 41% achieved at least 3 Highers and 20% achieved 5 or more. Again, this is higher than South Ayrshire averages.

38% of **S6** pupils left with 5 or more Highers (64% of the year group as an S6 cohort) and 31% achieved 1 or more Advanced Highers (53% of S6 cohort).

Overall, the school's attainment continues to be strong.

Staffing

The school roll is currently sitting at 850. Last year we were 823 at this point in the term. Our full capacity is 852. The S1 intake this year was 156. It has been consistently high for last 3 years. Staying on rate in S5 and S6 has increased slightly. Our staffing entitlement this year is approximately 60 full time equivalent.

New staff have taken up post as follows:

- English – Mr Mercer (maternity cover)
- Modern Languages – Mr Milligan (maternity cover)
- Maths – Miss Gemmell (long term sickness cover)
- Pupil Support – Mrs Low (Mon/Tues)
- Miss Davidson – NQT in History
- Miss Caldwell – NQT in Design and Technology

Mrs Fergusson who was acting DHT last year will continue to work as part of SLT and as S6 year head.

Miss Cooper, PT of Design and Technology, will take up her new post as DHT at Garnock Academy at the end of September. We wish her all the best. Mrs Muir will be acting PT.

School Building

The following work took place in the summer: the crush area at the entrance was painted and now looks bright and welcoming, the leaking roof is currently being replaced on the admin/PE block.

Upcoming events

Thursday 12 September – Senior Phase/UCAS information evening

Friday 20/Monday 23 September – Holiday weekend

Tuesday 24 September – Parent Council AGM and Parent Forum

Wed 2 October – S1/2 Open Evening