

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 30 August 2022

SQA Attainment

Despite another challenging year and the first exams for two years, our Senior Phase pupils have performed very highly in SQA qualifications. This is before appeals are submitted. We are very proud of them all.

In S4, a majority achieved at least 5 National 5s and the attainment of this year's S4 cohort is in line with attainment pre-pandemic. All pupils achieved a qualification in both English and Maths with over two thirds achieving Literacy and Numeracy at SCQF Level 5 (National 5 level).

In S5, we have seen strong, consistent or improving at every level over the past 5 years. Last year's S5 were outstanding and achieved exceeding previous highest attainment in 2017. Nearly three quarters of the year group got at least one Higher and 33% achieved 5 or more Highers.

58% of our S6 cohort left with 5 or more Highers and 23% achieved 1 or more Advanced Highers.

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

Staffing

The school is currently fully staffed. New staff have taken up post as follows: Mr Connelly (Principal Teacher of English); Mrs Ferguson (English - NQT); Miss Bower and Mr Little (Business Education); Miss Goldie (Modern Studies – NQT); Miss Jackson (PE – NQT); Mrs Taylor and Mrs Adams (Pupil Support); Miss Alva (RME – NQT); Mrs McIlveen (Geography – NQT); Miss McLaughlin (Art – NQT) and Miss Mair (Music – NQT). Mr Phillips will replace Mrs Queen in Technical 2 days a week. We have also been fortunate in securing a permanent additional member of the Modern Languages department, Mrs Donnachie who starts on 12 September – three days a week.

Mrs Wallace is now Principal Teacher of Business and Computing; and Mrs Fisher is acting Principal Teacher of Geography and RME.

We have continued to target our PEF and additional Covid staffing on closing the gap. Mrs Hamilton (English) and Mrs Urwin (Maths) will support attainment in literacy and numeracy working with targeted individuals and groups.

School Building

The work on the Science block is finally complete. The new labs are smart and functional. It has been a significant amount of work to get it finished for the start of term and there is still snagging and unboxing to take place.

The school roll continues to rise and is currently sitting at 844. Our full capacity is 852. As a result, the school is very busy. We are monitoring the corridors and dining hall to address any congestion that has arisen due to the increase in numbers.

Upcoming events

Wednesday 14 September – Senior Phase/UCAS information evening (virtual)

Friday 16/Monday 19 September – Holiday weekend

Tuesday 27 September – Parent Council Forum

Theme of the Month – Our Values in Focus

August - **Ambition** - Aiming high and being the best you can be

September – **Respect** – Revisit anti-bullying policy and positive relationships policy