

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 26 October 2021

Staffing

As a result of Mrs Harper's ongoing absence, Mrs Semple will be acting DHT until further notice. She will have year head responsibilities for S3 and S6. Mrs Stewart will have year head responsibilities for 3W.

Prefects

Our team of school prefects have now taken up post. Prefects act as role models in school uniform, behaviour and attitude. They support younger members of the school community by acting as Buddies or peer supporters in classes. They are expected to contribute to the school community by leading or helping with extra-curricular clubs and sports teams, the work of the Charities Committee and junior school activities like enterprise events, sponsored walks, etc.

This year's team of 25 S6 pupils have all signed up to the activities they will be involved in and will meet regularly with Mrs Hunter (prefect coordinator) and the HT. They have already made an impressive start with their enthusiasm and commitment.

Buddy Breakfast

This took place on the Thursday and Friday before the October holiday. Our S6 House Captains organised a morning of team building activities led by our prefects followed by breakfast and a chance to get to know your buddies better. At the breakfast, S1s completed their 'Time Capsules' which guidance teachers will keep until their last day of S6. Both mornings were a great success. The leadership demonstrated by our Captains, Prefects and other S6 pupils was outstanding. We are very proud of them.



P7 Virtual Information Evening

This event took place on Zoom on 30 September 2021. We shared information about the school and the transition process for this year as well as a film show capturing the achievements of Kyle pupils. We are hopeful that we will be able to have induction days on 14 and 15 June as well as some online transition events like last year. It was well attended and the feedback from parents was very positive.

Staff Learning Together

The in-service day on Monday 18 October was given over to our second School Improvement Priority – Learning and Teaching. Our learning and teaching group have been looking at research on 'cognitive load theory' (how the working memory affects our ability to learn) and shared some of their findings with the rest of the staff. Highlights were how to adapt PowerPoint slides and presentations to reduce unnecessary information that takes up space in the working memory; ways to chunk how we model learning and problem solving to better support pupils to follow the steps required. This work will be ongoing throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

25 and 26 October	Flu Vaccine for all pupils
Friday 5 November	S1 Cop 26 Mini Conference
Tuesday 9 November	S2 Cop 26 Mini Conference
15-19 November	Children in Need Week

Theme of the Month for November – Community