



## **1. Events and Activities**

Since our last meeting the following activities have taken place:

- Careers Fair (re-arranged, originally postponed due to snow days)
- Shakers Formal Launch
- School Prom
- S3 Award Ceremony
- Barcelona Trip
- London Trip
- Summer Camps
- SQA Results
- S1 Induction
- Open Meeting with Parent Forum
- Leadership Market
- Pupil Leadership Elections
- Tempest Photography
- Servant Leadership Course

## **2. Further Detail**

### ***Shakers Launch***

Our DYW Shakers group formally launched their milkshake selling business at a Princes Trust event in June. The group will shortly represent the school at a pan-Ayrshire DYW celebration.

### ***Prom***

The school prom was a resounding success and was enjoyed by all. Pupil conduct was exemplary throughout, as was the organisation led by senior pupils and Mr Boyle.

### ***Summer Camps – Home Link Workers, Vibrant Communities and Pupils***

A number of pupils supported our home link workers and Vibrant Communities staff to deliver summer camp sessions for young pupils. All involved will have their participation formally acknowledged in the coming weeks and we thank them for their desire to make a difference within the local community.

### ***Open Meeting with Parent Forum***

Mr Kane invited all parents/carers to an open meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, and outlined the improvement plan priorities for the year ahead. A copy of Mr Kane's presentation is available on the school website.

### ***Leadership Market***

S6 pupils had the chance to commit to taking on a formal leadership role this session. Opportunities included, but were not limited to:

- Peer Mentoring
- Mentors in Violence Prevention

- Language Ambassadors

### ***Pupil Leadership Elections and Servant Leadership Course***

The pupil leadership team interviews were held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Pupils were appointed to the following roles:

Head Girl (Senior School): Niamh Stewart  
Head Girl (Junior School): Amelie Davidson  
Head Boy (Senior School): Luke Gallagher  
Head Boy (Junior School): Ross Briody  
Depute Head Girl: Lucy O'Brien  
Depute Head Boy: Kudzai Tapatapa  
Columba House Captain: Abigail McLelland  
Columba House Vice-Captain: Megan Banks  
Margaret House Captain: Emma King  
Margaret House Vice-Captain: Adam Shadlock  
Andrew House Captain: Gabrielle Maberly  
Andrew House Vice-Captain: Ceara McEwan

The other eight candidates will fulfil ambassador roles as follows:

SfL Ambassador: Isla Grant  
Sports Ambassador: Laura Thomson and Isla Neilson  
Equalities Ambassador: Jack Brennan  
Relationships Ambassador: Jay Turnbull  
Faith Life Ambassador: Daniel Mulhearn  
Nurture Ambassador: Louise Campbell  
Community Engagement Ambassador: Kym McNaught

### 3. Staffing

#### Appointments since the last parent council meeting

Post	Staff	Status
Depute Head Teacher	Mr Stephen Cowan	Permanent
Depute Head Teacher	Mr Andy Boyle	Permanent
Music	Miss Emma Thomson	Permanent
NQT Chemistry	Miss Kelly McComb	1-year contract
NQT Computing	Miss Jasmen Pioli	1-year contract
NQT Maths/Physics	Mr Adrian Mime	1-year contract
NQT Modern Studies	Miss Rachael Gibson	1-year contract
English	Mrs Kate Hutchens	Maternity Cover until February 2019
Maths	Mr Paul Blackhurst	Ongoing supply until appointment of PT Pupil Support staff and/or staff returning to school.

#### Reminder of staff starting in August 2018

Post	Staff	Status
History	Mr Matthew Marr	Permanent
Modern Languages	Mrs Ann Donaghy	Permanent
English	Mrs Clare Kelly	Permanent
Chemistry	Mr David Hannah	Permanent

#### Returning Staff

Post	Staff
PT Science	Mrs Lauren McLean
PE Teacher	Mrs Debbie Shaw

#### Reminder of supply staff currently in post

Post	Staff	Duration
RE Maternity Leave	Mr Daniel Craft (RE)	January 2019
Backfill Acting PE/HE PT	Mr Andrew Irvine (PE)	November 2018
Backfill APT Pupil Support	Mr James Williams (PE)	Ongoing supply until appointment of PT Pupil Support staff and/or staff returning to school.

#### Reminder of staff currently in acting positions

Post	Staff	Reason	Duration
PT English	Mrs Amanda Duthie	Maternity Cover	February 2019
PT Art/Music	Mrs Rachel Whiteford	Vacancy	October 2018
PT PE/HE	Mr David Howson	Vacancy	October 2018
PT Pupil Support	Mrs Aillish Kelly	Vacancy	Interviews 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
PT Pupil Support	Mrs Lee-Anne Parker	Vacancy	Interviews 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
PT Pupil Support	Mrs Lynsey Jamieson	Staff Absence	Ongoing

## Vacancy Timelines

Post	Advertised	Interviews	Start Date
PT Science (0.2)	Complete	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Immediate
PT Pupil Support	Complete	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Post October Week
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PT Art/Music	1 <sup>st</sup> October	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Late November
PT PE/HE	1 <sup>st</sup> October	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Late November

## Thank You

Mrs Jacqueline Glencorse left the school on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August to take up a position with EAST. I would like to record my thanks to Jacqueline for her service to our school community during her time as PT Pupil Support.

## 4. Pupil Equity Fund Consultation

Proposed PEF spending for the 2018/19 session will be shared this evening for discussion.

East Ayrshire Council requested a draft spend proposal in June.

Bethany Trust Counselling	Other	Bethany Trust	£	12,000.00	Counselling and Befriending Service
Home Link Worker 0.8	Staff	EA	£	14,500.00	Continuing from last session
PT 1 Pupil Equity/Family Learning	Staff	EA/Internal		£5,000	Continuing from last session
PT 1 SEB	Staff	EA/Internal		£5,000	New internal post - August 18
PT 1 Raising Attainment	Staff	EA/Internal		£5,000	New internal post - August 18
Breakfast Club and Uniform Support/Stock	Other	Various	£	2,500.00	Stock for breakfast club and uniform supply
Mini Bus Hire (targeting disengaged pupils across EA)	Other	EA		£3,000	Given vast catchment
Targeted Family Learning (Vibrant Communities input)	Vibrant Comms	Vibrant Communities		£4,000	Negotiation ongoing
Six twilight family learning sessions - 12 families per term	Other	Internal		£2,000	In house sessions on HWB for targeted families
Grade 3 SflW	Staff	External		£16,440	Targeted Intervention
PEF Support Costs	Other	EA	£	4,920.00	
Tree of Knowledge	Other	Tree of Knowledge	£	7,000.00	Continuing from last session
Residential for targeted young people	Other	TBC		£3,000	Final cost to follow
Participatory Budgeting - Pupils, Staff, Parent Council	Other	TBC	£	15,000.00	Consultation August 2018

Staff have submitted participatory budget bids for collation and analysis by the parent council. A date for this to be actioned will be set with a sub group of the parent council nominated to contribute on behalf of the parent forum.

## 5. Strategic Matters

### School Improvement Plan 2018/19

The submission date for our School Improvement Plan is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September. A draft version can be found at the end of this report for further discussion this evening.

### Depute Head Teacher Remits

A copy of revised remits can be found at the end of this report.

## **Learning Together – Parental Involvement Strategy 2018-2021**

A fortnight ago, national guidance on parental involvement and family learning was published. Copies will be shared with Parent Council in the first instance. Some elements of the strategy are reflected in our School Improvement Plan for this session. Members are encouraged to read the guidance in advance of our next Parent Council meeting.

### **SQA Attainment**

Results attached for discussion.

### **6. Forthcoming Events**

Dates stated are given in good faith. External providers may alter dates at short notice.

Immunisations	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
S4, S5 and S6 Awards Ceremony	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
UCAS Information Evening	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Biology Field Trip	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Maths Week	W/b Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Annual Diocesan Teachers Mass	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September
S1 Mass of Welcome	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September
S1 Settling in Evening	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September
Pupil Leadership and Caritas Investiture Mass	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September
September weekend (School Closed)	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September and Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
European Day of Languages	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September
Caritas Social Diocesan Event	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
S2 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Internal Tracking of Pupil Progress	Various dates