



# Kilmarnock Academy

## Parent Council Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Conference Room, Kilmarnock Academy

**Present:** David Rose, Graham Johnston, Stephen Coyle, Elaine Paton, Donna Rae, Allan Reid, Carol MacInnes, Clare Purewal, Fiona Anderson, Jen Graham, Karen Paterson, Laura McChristie, Robert Joseph, Graham Boyd (Councillor), Graham Barton (Councillor), Neal Ingram (Councillor), Carolina Sharp and Thomas Urquhart

**Apologies:** Julie Connor, Margaret Black and Lynsey Kerr

### Welcome and Apologies – Stephen Coyle

SC welcomed everyone to the first meeting of this academic year and hoped that all enjoyed the summer break.

### Introduction to the Head Prefects – Carolina Sharp and Thomas Urquhart

The parent council members were greeted by the new Head Prefects Carolina and Thomas, who took the members through some of the activities they currently have planned, including representing the school at the remembrance service which will be held just off London Road. They explained that the prefects have been welcoming the new S1 pupils into their new environment and that this has gone very well this year. They reminded everyone about the introduction of the Killie Café, where every pupil can come and great a free breakfast whilst dealing with the new morning routine following the removal of the school transportation. Prefect training had taken place earlier in the day, with over 60 prefects taking part. The training provided guidance around the role and also helped the attendees consider how to handle different situations. Both Head Prefects presented extremely well and a number of members commented on how informative the section had been.

### Report of work from previous academic year – Stephen Coyle

SC took the attendees through the work the parent council were involved in for last academic year, with meetings focused on the school improvement plan, leadership, wellbeing and attainment to name a few.

### Re-election/Confirmation of office bearers – Stephen Coyle

Stephen Coyle was re-elected as Chairperson, with Elaine Paton being elected as Vice Chairperson. Donna Rae will continue as Secretary.

Before starting the main agenda SC asked the attendees to consider the timings of the meetings this year, as December in particular appears have lower attendance due to illness and other commitments. All agreed that instead of a meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in December, the meeting this year will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> November instead. This will allow a meeting prior to the Christmas Fayre, which DR confirmed Mrs Wallace already has in the planning stages. Please note this meeting is changing from December, so there will be 2 meetings in November including the normal meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday.

### Draft Parent Improvement Plan – David Rose

DR expressed his thanks for Mrs Brownlie for her support whilst he was on appointment at Loudoun Academy. It was a seamless transition of leadership both when we went on the temporary appointment and for his return. DR also recognised the efforts demonstrated by Mrs Milne and Mrs Kelly during that period.