HT's Report

Monday 27th January 2017

Staffing News:

- Thank you from Mr Wight for all of your support over the last 8 years.
- Congratulations to Steven Neil who secured the post of DHT and Stuart Brown who secured the post of Acting DHT for 23 months.
- Elaine Cuthbertson secured the short term acting post for FH of Business/ICT/ Technologies. Job will be advertised city – wide next week.
- John Gemmill secured the post of Acting FH of PE/ H&W. Permanent post will be advertised next week.
- Blathnaid Loughran and Emma Rothery joined English. Mark Scanlan joined mathematics, Siobhan McGuire joined Support for Learning, Douglas Elder joined as Faculty Head of Humanities.

ICT Suite

- New ICT suite – likely to be fully kitted out by end of March.

S5 Exams:

- S Neil leading on this – assemblies, motivation, study skills.
- 95 pupils will be attending Maths Camp / PE looking to offer a similar day
- Additional funding provided to departments for text books / revision guides etc.

S3 Options Choices

- Draft options entered into computer.
- All comments noted. 36 comments. (4 about computing)
- Team looking at it – Mr Gough, Dr MacLeod, Mr Bell and Mr Brown.
- Wider Achievement choices will be available in March.

Communication

- Website review: staff, parents and pupils

Trips

- Italy Trip – Pila (15 pupils) arrived safely yesterday. Return Sun 5th.

Pupil Equity Funding

- £120 million annually. Help raise attainment with a focus on supporting pupils who face barriers in learning due to poverty.
- PEF allocated based on Free School Meal entitlement from P1-S3
- Available for 2017-18 and expected to be available each year for the next three years.
- Funding may cover staff costs, training, resources and services.
- Must have targeted outcomes
- Focus on improving literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing – should be linked to local needs and be evidence based.
- Linked to Improvement Plan / Raising Attainment
- Last year – leadership academies / additional staff / supported study / Bethany Christian Trust

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