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Dear Parents and Carers,

Return to school

Its been three weeks since pupils and staff returned to school. I wanted to thank you for the standard of uniform which has been excellent since the return to school – including shoes and blazers. Well done to everyone. Please remember that if you would like any help with any item of school uniform you can contact the school and we will be able to help.

New First Year Pupils

The new first years have settled in really well and are quickly finding their feet – and their way around. Almost all of them have been remaining in school at lunchtime- which is what we want them to do in first year. Again, I wanted to thank you for your help and support with this. There are lots of clubs beginning now at lunchtimes which are suitable for new first year pupils and we are encouraging them to attend.

I would like more S1 pupils to attend our Future Friday programme if possible, and I would ask you to encourage your child to attend. There are lots of activities and sports on offer. If you would like more information about what is available at our Future Friday afternoon please look at the school website, our school X account, or you can contact the school directly.

School Calendar

The school calendar for this session has been uploaded to the school website. The calendar contains reporting dates, INSET Days, Parents' Evenings, Religious and whole school events etc. Please note reports will normally be issued one week after the date on the school calendar. This allows principal teachers and year heads to carry out checks on the reports.

Link to school calendar:

<https://shorturl.at/qlwNL>

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

- Parent Council AGM Monday 9 September 6.30pm
- S1 Welcome Mass Wednesday 25 September 7pm

Parent Council – Please Note

We are looking for parents from all year groups to join our Parent Council. If you are a parent of a new S1 pupil I extend a warm invitation to come along join us at our first parent council meeting of the new session next Monday 9 September at 6.30pm here in school. There is no pressure to take on any role – if you would simply like to come along and see what we do and join in our discussions – you are most welcome. Please think about it.

The meetings only last about an hour and a half and there are only five meetings over the year. The dates are attached below. If you would like to speak to someone before joining please contact the school.

Parent Council Dates for Session 2024/25

- Monday 9 September 6.30pm
- Monday 9 December 6.30pm
- Monday 3 February 6.30pm
- Monday 31 March 6.30pm
- Monday 16 June 6.30pm

Parents' Portal

This session we will be moving towards issuing all reports and other communications to parents and carers using Parents' Portal. Please sign up for this service on the school website. If you encounter any difficulty when signing up, please contact the school office. We will be holding information sessions over the year on how to access and use the portal if you need some help with this.

Link to parents' portal:

<https://parentsportal.scot/pportal/>

Every best wish

Robert Smith

Headteacher