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To all parents/carers

### **Staffing update**

I thought I would take this opportunity to update you on several staffing matters.

In the last few weeks we have successfully appointed several new members of staff.

Two teachers join the Social Subjects Faculty – Miss Fitzsimmons (Modern Studies) and Mr Bald (History). Miss Toye will join the Maths department after the October break.

Two new Principal Teachers have also been appointed. Ms Chivers starts as PT of Music and Drama. This is an exciting appointment as it will allow us to broaden our performing arts curriculum and build on the success of the Music department.

Mr McNiven starts as PT of Pupil Support (Pastoral) and will look after the pupils in Glenisla House with Mrs Hill (Depute Headteacher and House Head) and Mrs Hood (Support for Pupils – Learning).

We extend a warm welcome to all newcomers to the Blairgowrie High staff team.

Unexpectedly, due to unforeseen circumstances we have been short staffed in the Modern Languages department. Unable to secure the services of a Modern Languages supply teacher, Mr Dowie has reorganised the timetable in an attempt to minimise disruption to learning. However, it is never an ideal situation when classes do not have a subject specialist and I am pleased to inform you that we have now secured the services of a language teacher, albeit part time, and I am hopeful that our two permanent members of staff will soon be in a position to return.

Please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's Guidance Teacher or House Head if you have any queries about staffing news.

Lastly, I hope you all have a good break and that our pupils return refreshed and keen to learn on their return.

Yours faithfully

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