

## HT Update Thursday 15/4/24

Dear pupils, parents/carers and staff,

### **Assemblies Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

- At these pre-planned assemblies, we continue to discuss how we support each other in relation to our recent sad and unexpected loss.
- Mr Lee spoke to S4-6 and shared very important information about exams. S4-6 will receive personal exam timetables on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. All students were given copies of the 'Your SQA' booklet.
- The main message is that students communicate with staff if they have any questions. More information here [SQA - Peebles High School \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://SQA - Peebles High School (glowscotland.org.uk))
- Mrs Moretta gave her termly update about Bullying and Equalities.

### **Staffing**

- Mrs McDowell has been appointed Depute Headteacher while Mrs Mooney is on maternity leave. Mrs McDowell will take on Mrs Mooney's roles including Head of Dunrig House.
- Mr Harkness has been appointed Principal Teacher of Chemistry and Biology to replace Mrs McDowell.

### **Xpressions App**

- All parents and carers are encouraged to download this app.
- It is a very easy way to contact the school and saves phoning. It can be used at any time and it is checked throughout the day in the school office.

### **Parking**

- There are now 3 marked visitor spaces and 2 disabled spaces at the top car park.
- Please note that there is no other parking on school grounds for any visitors, and these spaces should not be used by S6.

### **Behaviour Policy**

- Thank you to all who completed our recent survey. As a result of the feedback, Pastoral staff are speaking with young people who communicated issues.
- Feedback from staff and parents did not highlight any major issues and we will continue to monitor our policy across the school.

### **Prelims**

- We had over 400 replies to our survey. The majority voted for one set of prelims in January with full study leave so this will be our starting point moving forward.

Yours faithfully,

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Headteacher