

18 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the term, I write with a further update.

### 1. Christmas Activities

We have been delighted with how well our three Beanfeasts have gone over the last few weeks and the number of young people attending them. Thank you to everyone who has made them such a success.

This evening, our Christmas concert takes place at 7.00 pm in the school with a number of musical performances to look forward to. There is no admission charge, although donations towards school funds are welcomed.

### 2. Staffing Update

- (a) **English Department** – Mrs Kerr returns to her principal teacher of English post on Monday 08 January 2024, following her secondment as acting Head Teacher in Whalsay School. Ms Cluness, who has been acting principal teacher of English, will revert to her substantive teacher of English post at the start of term three. Ms Edwards moves on from her temporary English teacher role at the end of this term.
- (b) **Maths Department** – Mrs Grant joins the Maths Department as our new part-time teacher on Monday 08 January 2024.
- (c) **Additional Support Needs (ASN) Department** – Ms Thomson, teacher of ASN, has recently moved on from her post at the Anderson High School. Ms Thomson's post will be advertised shortly.

### 3. Anderson High School Information Handbook, 2023-24

Our School Handbook has recently been updated and is available to view on the school's website.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/anderson/ahs/school-information/>

#### 4. Key Dates (further information will follow)

Date	Event
Monday 18 December 2023	Christmas concert at 7.00pm in the school.
Friday 22 December 2023	S1 Monitoring posted to parents and carers.
Friday 22 December 2023	Last day of term.

Monday 08 January 2024	In-Service Day.
Tuesday 09 January 2024	Pupils return to school for the start of term three.
Thursday 11 January 2024	S2 Information Evening for parents and carers about the personalisation and choice process for S2 pupils ahead of then moving into S3 in May 2024.
Monday 15 January 2024	S4 Prelims start (through to Tuesday 23 January 2024).
Monday 22 January 2024	S2 Reports handed out to pupils.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support for the school, and I wish families a really good Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Robin Calder