

*Friday 31 May 2024*

Dear Parents and Carers

### **1. Change of timetables**

This week, S2 to S6 pupils have commenced with their new timetables.

With the new timetable, we have welcomed new S5 pupils from Aith Junior High School, Baltasound Junior High School, Mid Yell Junior High School, Sandwick Junior High School and Whalsay School. We wish our new pupils all the best as they settle into the school.

### **2. Staffing Update**

Welcome back to Miss Taylor who has returned to the Modern Studies and RMPS Department. This week, we have also welcomed Miss Robertson into the school as our temporary clerical assistant.

### **3. Anderson High School Parent Council - update from Fiona Nicolson, Parent Council Chair**

At the end of this academic year, the members of the Anderson High School Parent Council (PC) would like to give thanks to the staff of the school, parents/carers and the community for their engagement and for supporting so many young people. When parents, young people and the school work together it enables the children to achieve their highest potential, whatever that looks like for them. The PC aim to support parental involvement which is about far more than representation. We feel we have worked well with the school this year but we are aware there is still more to be done.

The PC meet termly and all parents are invited to come along and join in the discussions. We are keen to increase the number of parents who sit on the PC and we are keen to hear from anyone who would like to get involved.

At the last meeting, earlier in May, we discussed the joint action plan which the school have developed with us to look at the issues which parents/carers and the school have identified. This joint plan will help to aid communication, develop new ideas and will assist us all to work together towards our mutual goal of giving young folk the best possible access to education and experiences.

We plan to hold an information evening which will utilise the skills and knowledge of the local community in an effort to support parents/carers with the many new skills and information that is required to support their young people. We would like you to let us know what kind of resources and information you would find

helpful and if you have already accessed any that would help others get in touch. If you would be interested in supporting this in a practical way we want to hear from you.

Next term, we have some plans for how we would like to support parental engagement but want to hear from you as to what we could and should do.

Please get in touch by email to [parentcouncil.ahs@gmail.com](mailto:parentcouncil.ahs@gmail.com)

#### 4. Key Dates

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thursday 20 June 2024.	P7 following S1 timetable.
Friday 21 June 2024.	P7 following S1 timetable.
Friday 28 June 2024.	Last day of term.
Wednesday 14 August 2024.	School re-opens for pupils for the new academic session.

Yours sincerely

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