

Monday 12 August 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

1. Welcome to the new school session, 2024/25

Following on from the information pack you received from the school at the start of August, I write with an update ahead of pupils returning to school on Wednesday.

2. General School Updates

(a) New Secondary One Pupils

We are looking forward to welcoming 180 new secondary one pupils into the school on Wednesday morning.

Whilst this is an exciting time for secondary one pupils, it can also be quite daunting. If there are any concerns or worries as children make the transition into secondary school, please do get in touch with your child's Pupil Support Teacher on the school's phone number 01595 808008.

(b) Staffing

As we start the session, we welcome the following new staff to the school:

- In the English Department, Dr O'Nions and Mrs Johnson.
- In the Maths Department, Miss Tough.
- In the Craft, Design and Technology Department, Mr Kirkwood and Miss Morrin.
- In the Support for Learning Department, Miss Hendren and Mrs Nicolson.
- Our new Head Cook, Mr Gilbert.

Meanwhile, Mrs Kerr, Principal Teacher of English, will continue in her seconded role in Sandwich Junior High School during term one. Miss Cluness will continue to cover the Principal Teacher of English post, during Mrs Kerr's time in Sandwich Junior High School, with Miss Leeparis covering Miss Cluness' substantive Teacher of English post.

In addition, Mrs Tylsar is our new Support for Learning teacher, replacing Mrs Smith who retired in the summer.

3. Contacting the School

Pupil Support teachers are the first point of contact for issues or concerns you would like to discuss about your child's education. You may also wish to contact your child's Year Group Head:

- Ms Jamieson, Depute Head Teacher, Year Group Head, Secondary One and Secondary Two.
- Mr Robertson, Depute Head Teacher, Year Group Head, Secondary Three and Secondary Four.
- Mr Redman, Depute Head Teacher, Year Group Head, Secondary Five and Secondary Six.

4. School News

Regularly updated school news can be found on our website www.anderson.shetland.sch.uk and on the Anderson High School's Facebook page.

5. Key Dates in Term One (further information will follow during the term)

Date	Event
Tuesday 13 August 2024.	Pupil Support Clinic Morning, 09.00 to 12.30 (S5/6 pupils only).
Wednesday 14 August 2024.	Pupils start the new session.
Friday 20 September 2024.	S3 Monitoring information posted to parents/carers.
Tuesday 24 September 2024.	S1 Parents' Evening.
Thursday 03 October 2024.	S3 Parents' Evening.
Friday 11 October 2024.	Last day of term one.

I wish our pupils all the very best as we start the new term on Wednesday.

Yours sincerely

Robin Calder
Head Teacher

Our Values

excellent service - taking personal responsibility - working well together