

Wednesday 11 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

1. School News

Please keep up to date with our school news by following the Anderson High School Facebook page which is regularly updated.

2. Staffing Update

This week, we welcome Ms Hay into the school as our new temporary Learning Support Worker in the Support for Learning Department.

Meanwhile, Ms Mann will move on from her role as temporary Home Economics instructor at the end of the term to take on the role of Head Cook in the school.

Miss Willins, our temporary Teacher of Support for Learning, is leaving the school at the end of the term. We are currently advertising for her replacement.

3. Termly attendance notification

A reminder that, as part of our 2024-25 School Improvement plan, and our commitment to improving pupil attendance, we are providing parents and carers with termly information on their children's attendance and late coming.

For term two, **this will be done by text message from the school at the end of this week.**

For attendance, this will be a percentage of the possible period by period attendance this term, and for late coming it will be the number of days your child has been late for school this term.

4. Update from the Anderson High School Parent Council Chair

I would like to introduce myself, Carrie MacDonald, as the new chair of the parent council, as of the 13 November 2024, with Kenny Pottinger as vice chair.

*We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to attend our quarterly parent council meetings. The next being **Thursday 06 February 2025** at 6pm in the conference room at the Anderson High School, or you can join via Teams online. There is no obligation to do anything other than attend and have your say or just listen in on the important matters we discuss regarding the school. It would be great to have representation across the year groups.*

If you would like any further information, or would like me to raise anything on your behalf, please feel free to contact me on parentcouncil.ahs@gmail.com we would love to see some new faces.

*I would also like to take this opportunity to ask you all to keep **Wednesday 12 February 2025** in your diary for a parents' information evening we're holding at the school 6-8pm with guest speakers on substance use, vaping, mental health and Internet safety. There will also be a variety of others stall's with information we think you might find useful; we hope to see you all there.*

5. Key Dates (further information to follow)

Date	Event
Friday 13 December 2024	S5 and S6 Beanfeast.
Monday 16 December 2024	Music Department Concert.
Friday 20 December 2024	S1 Monitoring Reports posted to parents and carers.
Friday 20 December 2024	Last day of the term.
Monday 06 January 2025	In-Service Day.
Tuesday 07 January 2025	Pupils return to school for the new term.
Thursday 09 January 2025	S2 Information Evening for parents and carers (online event).
Monday 13 January 2025	S4 prelims start through to Tuesday 21 January 2025
Monday 20 January 2025	S2 Reports handed out to pupils.
Wednesday 29 January 2025	Occasional holiday date.

Regards

Robin Calder

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