

Dear Parents and Carers

I write with a final update of the term.

**1. Some of the highlights this term in the Anderson High School**

- A busy programme of SQA exams running from Friday 25 April 2025 through to Friday 30 May 2025.
- Success for pupils in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge, April 2025.
- S2 John Muir Days in April and May 2025.
- The S3 Business Management, 'Shetland Specials' Recipe Book Project, in term three and term four.
- UNESCO Geopark Junior Range Programme for S2 pupils, May 2025
- S3, NHS Speed Career Event, May 2025.
- S3 pupils attending a music workshop at the Mareel, led by Elias Alexander, a multi-instrumentalist, producer and songwriter, May 2025.
- S3 History pupils' trip to the Hestmanden Norwegian Warship, May 2025.
- Our Activities Week and School Trips in May 2025.
- The visit of renowned fiddler, Natalie MacMaster, for a workshop with pupils in the school, May 2025.
- Our new S5 pupils joining the school from Junior High Schools on Tuesday 03 June 2025.
- The S2 and S3 Reading Week, June 2025.
- The S6 Getting Involved Event, June 2025.
- S2 pupils representing Anderson High School at the national Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) Event in Perth, June 2025.
- Sports Day on Friday 06 June 2025.
- Anderson High School participation in the Global Classroom in Bilbao, Spain, in June 2025.
- The P7 Visit Days last Thursday and Friday.
- The visit of Roslin Institute Scientists to the school last week.

**2. Staffing Update**

At the end of the term, the following colleagues move on from the school:

- Mr Dorrat, Teacher of Maths.
- Mrs MacKenzie, Teacher of Music.
- Mrs Nicolson, Teacher of Modern Languages.
- Mr Szucs, Instructor of Craft, Design and Technology.
- Mr Thoresen, Principal Teacher of Computing Studies.
- Miss Tough, Teacher of Maths.
- Mrs Tulloch, Principal Teacher of Business Education.

I would like to thank all these colleagues for all they have done in their time in the Anderson High School and I wish them all the best in the future.

Meanwhile, Mrs Lamming will be our acting Principal Teacher of Business Education and Computing Studies in 2025/26.

Mrs Maxwell will continue in the role of temporary Principal Teacher of Support for Learning (mainstream and curriculum) in term one of 2025/26.

Mrs Fullerton will take on the role of temporary Principal Teacher of the Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) base in term one of 2025/26.

We will welcome new staff into the school, at the start of the new session, in English, Maths, Modern Languages, PE, Science and Support for Learning, and further information will follow then.

### **3. Recent Parent and Carer Survey**

Thank you to the parents and carers who completed the recent survey, seeking parental views on the school. The survey responses were very helpful, and we will share feedback with the parent forum in the new term.

### **4. The School Improvement Plan, 2025/26**

At the start of the new session, we will share our School Improvement Plan for 2025/26.

Emerging improvement priorities for the new session, referring to recent self-evaluation with staff, parents and carers, pupils, and partners, are to:

- (a) Continue to develop and embed approaches to learning, teaching and assessment.
- (b) Continue to evolve the school's curriculum including the ethos and life of the school.
- (c) Develop approaches and practice in relation to wellbeing, equality and inclusion.
- (d) Raise attainment and develop opportunities for personal achievement in the school.

### **5. Summer Holidays**

We will write to you during the holidays with packs of information for the new term.

We will also be in touch with information about SQA results, and the Anderson High School clinic morning on **Tuesday 19 August 2025**, where S5 and S6 pupils have the opportunity to come into school to discuss their results and make any changes to their subject choices.

### **6. The new school session**

We will welcome all of our pupils back to school on Wednesday 20 August.

Finally, I hope all families have a good summer break and thank you for your continued support to the school over this session.

Yours sincerely

Robin Calder

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