

Monday 18 August 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

1. Welcome to the new school session, 2025/26

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 139 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, Ms Buck, covering Mrs O'Nions' maternity leave, and Miss McLeod.
- In the Maths Department, Mr Strang.
- In the Science Department, Miss Moncrieff. Also, in Science, Miss Hand will cover Mr Arthur's post this session during his period of leave.
- In the Modern Languages Department, Mr Harpe, acting Principal Teacher, for this session, covering Mrs McNicol's period of leave.
- In the PE Department, Miss Veitch.
- In the Support for Learning Department, Mr Davies commences as Principal Teacher of Support for Learning. Miss Goodlad and Mr Bourke as teachers of Support for Learning and Miss Wright and Mrs Simpson as Learning Support Workers.
- Mr Bradley new janitor. Mr Hughson is our other new janitor.

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. Construction work on the new 3G surface at the current rugby pitch

The work on the new 3G Pitch project is progressing to completion. However, at the start of the term, the pick-up and drop-off area for parents and carers, between the rugby pitch and athletics track, will continue to be reduced in size.

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 19 August 2025.	Pupil Support Clinic Morning, 09.00 to 12.30 (S5/6 pupils only).
Wednesday 20 August 2025.	Pupils start the new session.
Friday 19 September 2025.	S3 Monitoring information posted to parents/carers.
Tuesday 23 September 2025.	S3 Parents' Evening.
Wednesday 08 October 2025.	S1 Parents' Evening.
Friday 10 October 2025.	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