

Monday 15 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carer

As we reach the final week of the term, I write with an update to all parents and carers.

1. Term Two Highlights in the Anderson High School

- The Shetland Science Fair, during week commencing the 03 November 2025.
- The Advanced Higher English Theatre Trip, Thursday 06 to Sunday 09 November 2025.
- Remembrance Commemorations in the school on Tuesday 11 November 2025.
- S3 and Senior Netball Trip to Orkney, Wednesday 12 November to Thursday 13 November 2025.
- S6 University Trip, Wednesday 12 November to Saturday 15 November 2025.
- S3 Scottish Marnine & Maritime Event, Tuesday 18 November 2025.
- S1 Virtually Safe Virtually Sound Event, Wednesday 26 November 2025.
- Staff versus Pupils, netball match to raise funds for Children in Need, Friday 28 November 2025.
- Ghana School Trip, Swap Shop, fundraiser, Friday 28 November 2025.
- S1 and S2 Beanfeast, Monday 01 December 2025.
- S3 and S4 Beanfeast, Thursday 04 December 2025.
- Christmas Jumper Day, Thursday 11 December 2025.
- S5 and S6 Beanfeast, Friday 12 December 2025.

2. Staffing Update

- We wish Mr Regan, Principal Teacher of Pupil Support, all the best as he retires at the end of the week. Mr Regan's presence and experience will be a huge miss for the school community.
- We look forward to welcoming Mrs Adamson into the school as our new Principal Teacher of Pupil Support from Monday 05 January 2026. Mrs Adamson will take on Pupil Support responsibilities for all of Mr Regan's current caseload.
- We wish Mr Young, teacher of Support for Learning, and Ms Georgia, Learning Support Worker, all the best as they move on from the school at the end of the term. I would like to thank them both for all they have done in their time in the school.

3. Study Leave for S5 and S6 Prelims

S5 and S6 Prelims will commence on Monday 02 February 2026 and finish on Thursday 12 February 2026. Please note, we will be re-introducing study leave for this two-week period.

This means that S5 and S6 pupils who have exams within this two week period in February will be registered in the exams (as per current arrangements), but, on any days when they do not have a prelim, S5 and S6 pupils can study at a place that best suits them.

If S5 and S6 pupils wish to attend the school, on the days that they do not have a prelim, they are very welcome to do so and they will simply follow their normal timetable with their teachers on hand to support them.

There will be **no** Study Leave for S4 pupils for their prelims in January, as most S4 pupils will be in school daily, sitting their prelims during their prelim diet.

4. Arrangements for dropping off and collecting pupils at the start and end of the pupil day

We have been asked by school transport operators to remind all parents and carers not to pick up or drop off their children in the bus exit point, as this is causing buses to be delayed leaving the school.

5. Dates for Diaries

Date	Event
Monday 15 December 2025.	Music Department Concert.
Friday 19 December 2025.	S1 Monitoring Reports posted to parents and carers.
Friday 19 December 2025.	Last day of the term.
Monday 05 January 2026.	Start of the new term for staff and pupils.
Thursday 08 January 2026.	S2 Information Evening for parents and carers (online event).

Finally, I wish all families a fine Christmas break and best wishes for the New Year.

Regards

Robin Calder
Head Teacher