

Thursday 02 July 2026

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

- In the English Department, S3 pupils welcomed representatives from the National Library of Scotland and took part in creative workshops to mark the centenary celebrations of the National Library of Scotland.
- Also in the English Department, we welcomed local journalists and tour industry representatives to support S3 pupils with their recent news project.
- The Music Department's Final Fling, concert, Monday 20 April 2026.
- S6 pupils' last day in the school, Tuesday 21 April 2026.
- S3 Cruise Ship, Meet and Greet Project, Monday 04 May 2026.
- S2 Mock Interviews for Skills for Work Courses, Monday 04 May 2026.
- NHS/SIC Career Event for S3 Pupils, Thursday 07 May 2026.
- Our Activities Week and School Trips in May 2026.
- Sports Day Finals, Thursday 28 May 2026.
- New S5 pupils commencing in the school from Tuesday 02 June 2026.
- The S6 Getting Involved Event, Wednesday 03 June 2026.
- The School's Pride Club, Pride Party, Friday 12 June 2026.
- Shetland Noir Author, Alex Gray's visit to Shetland, Monday 15 June 2026.
- The Roslin Institute Aquaculture Workshop for Higher Biology pupils, Wednesday 17 June 2026.
- Anderson High School participation in the Global Classroom in Sweden, in June 2026.
- The P7 Visit Days on Thursday 18 June 2026 and Friday 19 June 2026.

2. Staffing Update

At the end of the term, the following colleagues retire from the school:

- Mr Freeman, teacher of Support for Learning.
- Mrs Hunter, teacher of Science and Physics.

- Mrs Isbister, teacher of Business Studies.
- Mrs Morris, teacher of Support for Learning.
- Mrs Risk, teacher of Maths.

I would like to thank them all for their service to the school and I wish them all the very best in their retirement.

Miss Murray also moves on from her PE instructor post at the end of term – thank you to Miss Murray for all that she has done in her time in the school.

We will welcome new staff into the school, at the start of the new session, in the English, Maths and Support for Learning Departments and further information will follow in August.

Moreover, Mrs McNicol, Principal Teacher of Modern Languages, Mr Arthur, teacher of Science and Chemistry, and Dr O’Nions, teacher of English, also return to the school at the start of the new session.

3. 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 Qualification Scotland (QS) results, and the Anderson High School clinic morning on **Monday 17 August 2026**, where S5 and S6 pupils have the opportunity to come into school to discuss their results and make any changes to their subject choices.

4. The new school session, 2026/27

We will welcome all of our pupils back to school on **Wednesday 19 August 2026**.

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

Yours sincerely

Robin Calder
Head Teacher