



Learn, Achieve, Succeed

Rector's News Letter July 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I am delighted to be back at work following successful hip surgery and I am grateful to my colleagues for their support and hard work in my absence. I have maintained a keen interest in the life and work of Ellon Academy and I am very proud of our young people in a vast array of achievements and successes over the summer term.

As we look towards a new school year, I am delighted to say that our staffing situation is extremely positive and I have met some of our new staff this week including:

Mr K Findlay – Principal Teacher of Guidance (Keith House)

Mrs E Anderson – Principal Teacher Humanities Faculty (Mrs Anderson has returned to work following a break)

Miss J Coughlan, Teacher of Home Economics,

Mrs S Cussac – Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

Mr B Forsyth, Teacher of Maths (Mr Forsyth was a probationary teacher and will be staying on here at Ellon)

Miss T Longhurst, Teacher of Humanities (Geography), Mr M Sellen, Teacher of English.

After the summer we look forward to welcoming more new staff:

J Abberlay-Nicholl, Teacher of Chemistry, P Copic, Teacher of Physics, J Ferguson, Teacher of Biology, R Paterson, Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages, L Willins, Teacher of Humanities (Modern Studies) and W Zacaria, Teacher of English.

We say a fond farewell to Mr D Renton, Modern Foreign Languages, Mrs H Dilworth, Physics, Mr Ian Wilson Technical and Mrs L Lovie, Woodwind Instruction who are all retiring this summer.

Mrs M Glendinning will be leaving us to take up a Depute Head Teacher post at Kemnay Academy. Mrs S Rhind is taking up a post working abroad and our 2 other probationer teachers Miss A Donald and Miss J Kelly are both moving on to permanent posts in other schools. We wish all staff who are retiring and moving on all the very best for the future and thank them for all they have done for the pupils of Ellon Academy.

“Au revoir”.

We are also thinking of all our senior pupils who will be waiting on exam results this summer and we wish them every success in achieving the grades they need for returning for school courses, employment, apprenticeships, college and university. I will be able to provide parents and carers with a summarised up-date on our exam performance in the new term. SQA exam results will be sent to pupils by post and pupils can sign up for the electronic delivery of results at <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/41324.2548.html>

Staff will also be in school on Tuesday 7th August between 10am – 12pm and 1pm – 3pm to answer any queries pupils and parents/carers may have.

We also look forward to welcoming our new S1 pupils in August and we have been working hard to develop a new course called 'SEEDS'. This course will be delivered by Ellon Academy staff to S1 classes one period per week and it is based on Skills Development and Growth Mindset to support all pupils in learning and achievement.

We hope to have a Family Learning Evening to showcase the work of Seeds for parents and carers in the new term. More details to follow.



Information for Parents/Carers

Start of New Term	-	Tuesday 21 st August 2018
S3 Live 'n' Learn Growth Mindset Sessions	-	Tuesday 28 th August 2018
S2 ALEC Talks (to be confirmed)	-	Friday 31 st August 2018
School Photographer (to be confirmed)	-	Monday 6 th September 2018
End of Term 1	-	Friday 12 th October (last day)
Start of Term 2	-	Monday 29 th October (First day back)

On behalf of the staff and pupils of Ellon Academy, I wish you and your families our warmest wishes for the summer season and hope that if you are able to get a break during the holidays, that you have a peaceful and restful time.

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Buchan

Rector

