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Dear Parent/Carer

Acting Rector's Weekly Update 5-2-16

There have been many positive events this week but unfortunately, these are overshadowed by the unacceptable conduct of some S3 and S4 boys. As I reflect on positive discussions with seniors about their assessment grades, the work of the School Council and course choice with S3 parents, it is disappointing that the actions of a minority but a real dampener on the week. In the spirit of being open and honest, I confirm that significant action will continue to be taken against any pupils involved in physical altercations. Quite simply, there is no place for fighting in Inverurie Academy. I would like to reassure all parents that working in partnership, we will promote an ethos of Respect For All. Already, I am confident that lessons have been learned and confirm that the school will support these pupils with restorative work to address any underlying need behind aggressive behaviour.

Of course, the majority of our pupils have been fully engaged in their learning. Highlights this week include the Rock challenge rehearsals, S2 pupils preparing for a mock election and Mrs Weir's praise for her accounting students. At Gordon House, our local councillors voiced their support for Inverurie Academy. It was also a pleasure to hear some of the mature thought processes from our S3 cohort as they start to plan their study route through Senior Phase. Finally, I would commend the quality of applicants who were interviewed for the permanent DHT post. We have a preferred candidate and I am also pleased that we are in a position to appoint an extra DHT to provide some stability to the Senior Leadership Team. All of this will be confirmed in due course.

Next week, we look forward to the curriculum information evening on Tuesday night and I'm sure our seniors will appreciate the mid-term break after the assessment period.

To all our parents and pupils, have a very good weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Graeme Cowie
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