



Graeme Cowie
Acting Rector
Inverurie Academy
Jackson Street
Inverurie AB51 3PX
Tel: 01467 621655

Date: 17-3-16

Dear Parent/Carer

Acting Rector's Weekly Update 17-3-16

This week we welcomed some overdue sunshine to the heart of the Garioch. It's not been Braemar temperatures but in discussion with some of our cleaners, it was unanimously agreed that Spring has arrived. Brightening up assemblies this week, it was a pleasure to watch the winning YPI team deliver their Charlie House presentation to all year groups. We also saw the final School Council meeting of this academic year and Mrs Fraser was keen to thank members for their hard work this session. I would also like to thank parents for their support as uniform around the school was a good bit tighter.

On Wednesday, I welcomed our Head of Service and QIO to discuss our predicted attainment. I am pleased to report positive messages relating to our mentoring programme and the range of lunchtime/after-school tutorial sessions which have been organised by staff to help our pupils realise their potential. As teachers work collaboratively with learners and assemblies continue to promote aspiration, I am expecting our attainment to improve across the board this session.

Highlights this week include Ross T, Josh M, Matteo C and Christopher F competing in the UK Maths Challenge. In football, congratulations go to Mr Watkinson's S3 side as they progress to the cup final after beating Banchory. More importantly, I would highlight the skills of the staff team who challenged pupils as part of Sport Relief, a big thank you to Mr Shepherd for organising. I believe all the students' goals were offside! Finally, I want to highlight 8 S1 boys who I followed back to school after lunchtime on Thursday. I was very impressed by their behaviour in the community as they made a point of picking up every piece of litter on school lane. Showing this level of respect for the local community should be commended.

Next week, we look forward to a Quality Improvement visit focusing on Learning and Teaching and School Self Evaluation. Ms Lynch will be leading assemblies and we will be confirming expectations with S6 in advance of their Senior Prom.

To all of our parents/carers, I hope you have a restful weekend and enjoy the Good Friday holiday on 25th March.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Graeme Cowie
Acting Rector