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Dear Parent/Carer

Acting Rector's Weekly Update 22-4-16

I sincerely hope our parents/carers had an enjoyable break and the inclement weather didn't dampen the holiday spirit. At junior assemblies this week, I picked up on the point that the curriculum is the totality of a learner's experience and I hope they made the most of their time off. We reflected on the words of Hannah Miley and Danny Willet who both experienced some success during the Easter break. In conclusion, Thomas Jefferson summed it up nicely when he said "I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have".

Overshadowing the highlights this week was another road traffic accident involving a pupil on their way home. Again, I am pleased to report no significant injuries but the timing, immediately after our road safety assemblies, will be a concern for some of our pupils who witnessed the accident outside Gordon House. Along with some pupils, I would thank Mrs Hadden who was nearby and offered support to those involved.

On a more positive note, Mr O'Connor joined the SLT this week and was quick to praise the conduct and attitude of pupils who have made him most welcome. He commented on the quality of learning in classrooms and the confidence of pupils who stopped to speak with him in the corridors. Encapsulating this was the contributions of Isaac B and Connor M who represented the school at Aberdeenshire Pupil Voice on Friday. After a dramatic performance of the Bin-It roadshow on Tuesday, presenters stressed that S1 were one of the most focused and proactive groups they had ever presented to. Standing out this week has been the Rock Challenge group who performed their final rehearsal before Saturday's event at the AECC. I look forward to this event and wish them well.

Next week, senior students will take advantage of their last week of revision before study leave starts and S1 will start to reflect on their reports. On Thursday, we look forward to the public consultation on the new community campus building and I welcome our parents/carers to attend.

Finally, the sun has shined this week and I hope this continues throughout, what I hope, is a relaxing weekend for all our parents/carers.

Yours faithfully,



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