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Dear Parents/Carers,

Head Teacher's Newsletter

As previously advised by Mr Vincent Docherty (Head of Secondary Education, Aberdeenshire Council), you will be aware that following an investigation carried out by the Council I have replaced Mr Graeme Cowie as Acting Head Teacher at Inverurie Academy.

It is a privilege to find myself in such a position and already I have seen many examples in the school of young people showing leadership, responsibility and talent. At this stage it remains uncertain how long my tenure will be but whatever the duration of my role here I will do all I can to support the school and raise standards.

SQA Results

Mention of standards is of course closely linked to performance in SQA examinations and it is a great pleasure to congratulate many of our young people on their performance last session. Of course, as ever there are areas for improvement and all colleagues will be reflecting on the results and considering what steps to take to further raise levels of attainment. Meanwhile, well done to students and staff alike.

Vandalism in the Holidays

It is very disappointing to have to confirm that during the holidays the school was effected by incidents of vandalism. The police are responding thoroughly to this and have brought charges against certain individuals. Investigations are continuing but meanwhile all of us, staff, parents and the wider community will work together to eradicate such behaviour.

Germany/Poland Trip

At the end of last session and into the holidays a party of students led by Mr Paterson visited Germany and Poland. The students involved were a credit to the school and the trip included visits to Berlin and Krakow. Additionally the former death camp at Auschwitz was visited – an encounter that I am sure had a very profound effect on all involved.

Finally on a personal note to say how much I look forward to working with you. With regard to this please contact me at the school at any time if I can be of assistance.

Yours faithfully

Ian Parkin
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