

Parent Council

9th September 2021, 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.

AGM

1. Welcome
2. Attending/Apologies
3. Approval of 2020 AGM Minutes
4. Parent Council Chair Report
5. Treasurer Report
6. Head Teacher Views on Parental Engagement
7. Election of Office Bearers
8. AOCB

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1. Welcome (7.00 – 7.02)
2. Attending/Apologies (7.02 – 7.05)
3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes/Approval (7.05 – 7.25)
4. Treasurer Update (7.25 – 7.30)
5. Head Teacher (7.30 – 8.00)
Update – Parents Evenings, Equalities Policy, Campus Progress Report, Staffing
Presentation – **Attainment: Evaluating student performance in the last SQA exams**
6. Mentoring (8.00 – 8.20)
MCR Pathways / Columba 1400
7. AOB (8.20 – 8.25)
8. Date (and place) of next meeting (8.25 – 8.30)

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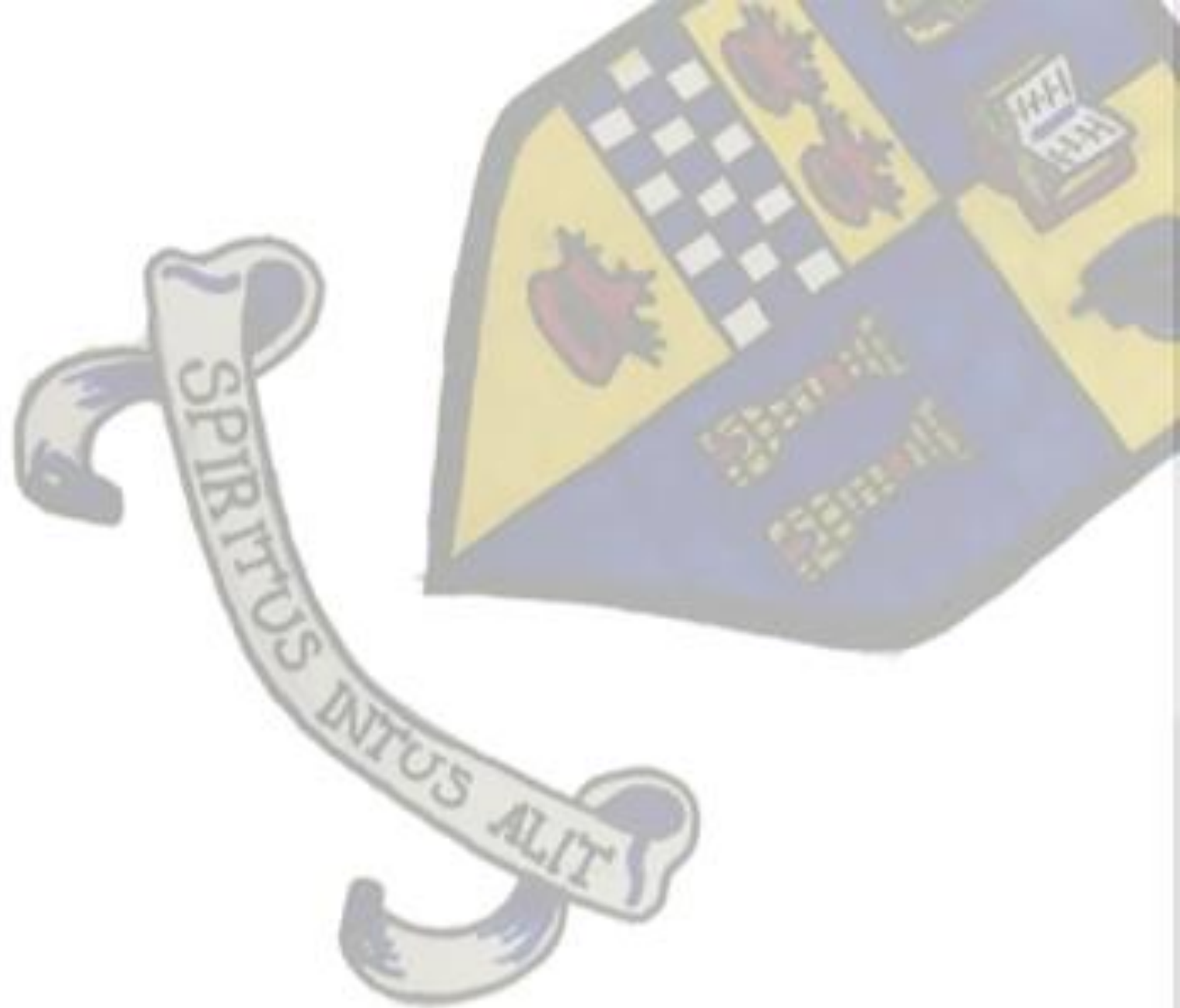
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Connecting Scotland

Provision of chrome books for families identified with a need.

Update: Tranches 2 and 3 have recently been received and distribution will take place as quickly as possible during this term.



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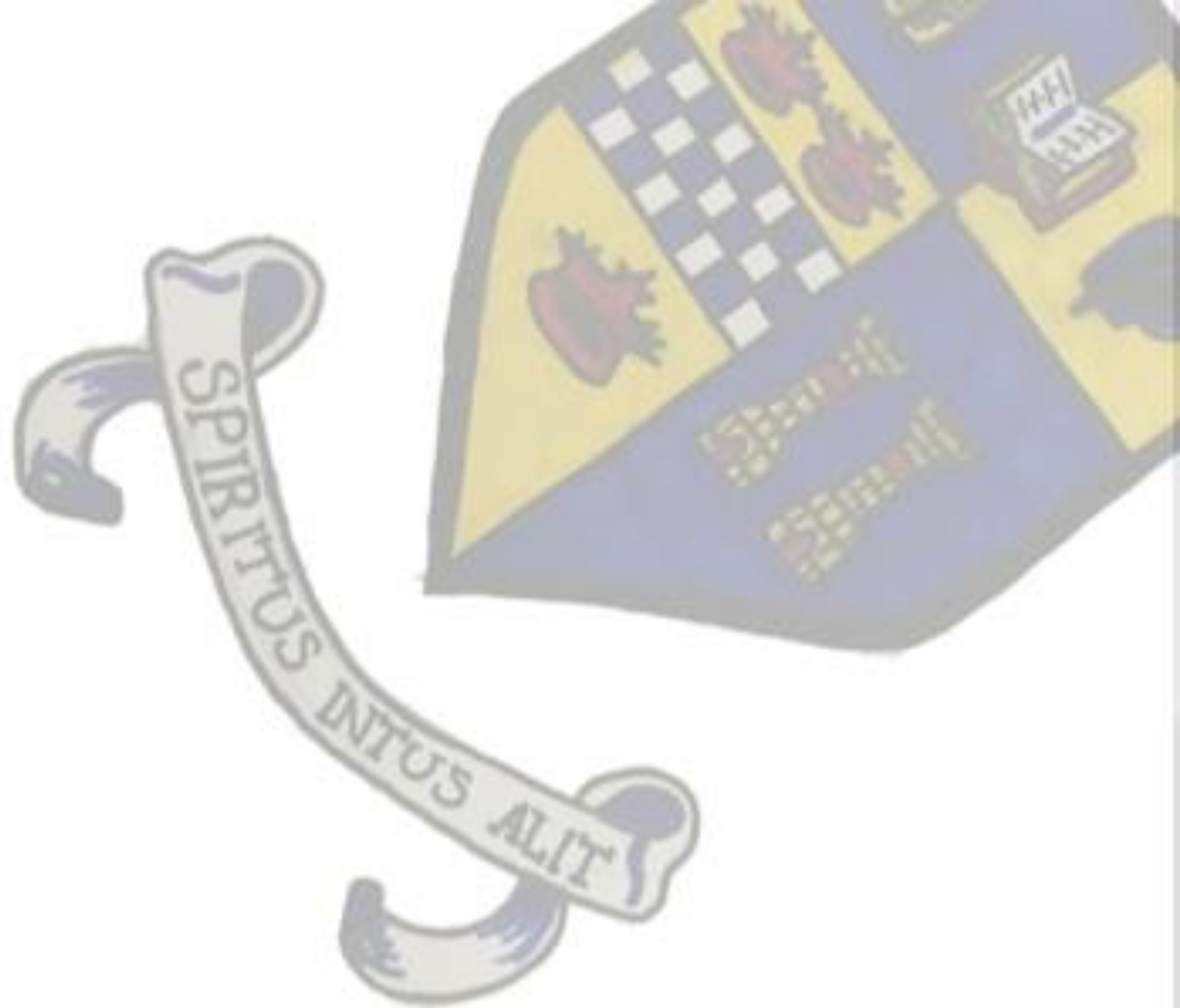
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Re=Use Uniform

Drive to support those families with provision of uniform where there is a need.

Update: Collections took place in June and uniform has been provided for families as required. Borrow blazers remain available from the School Office.



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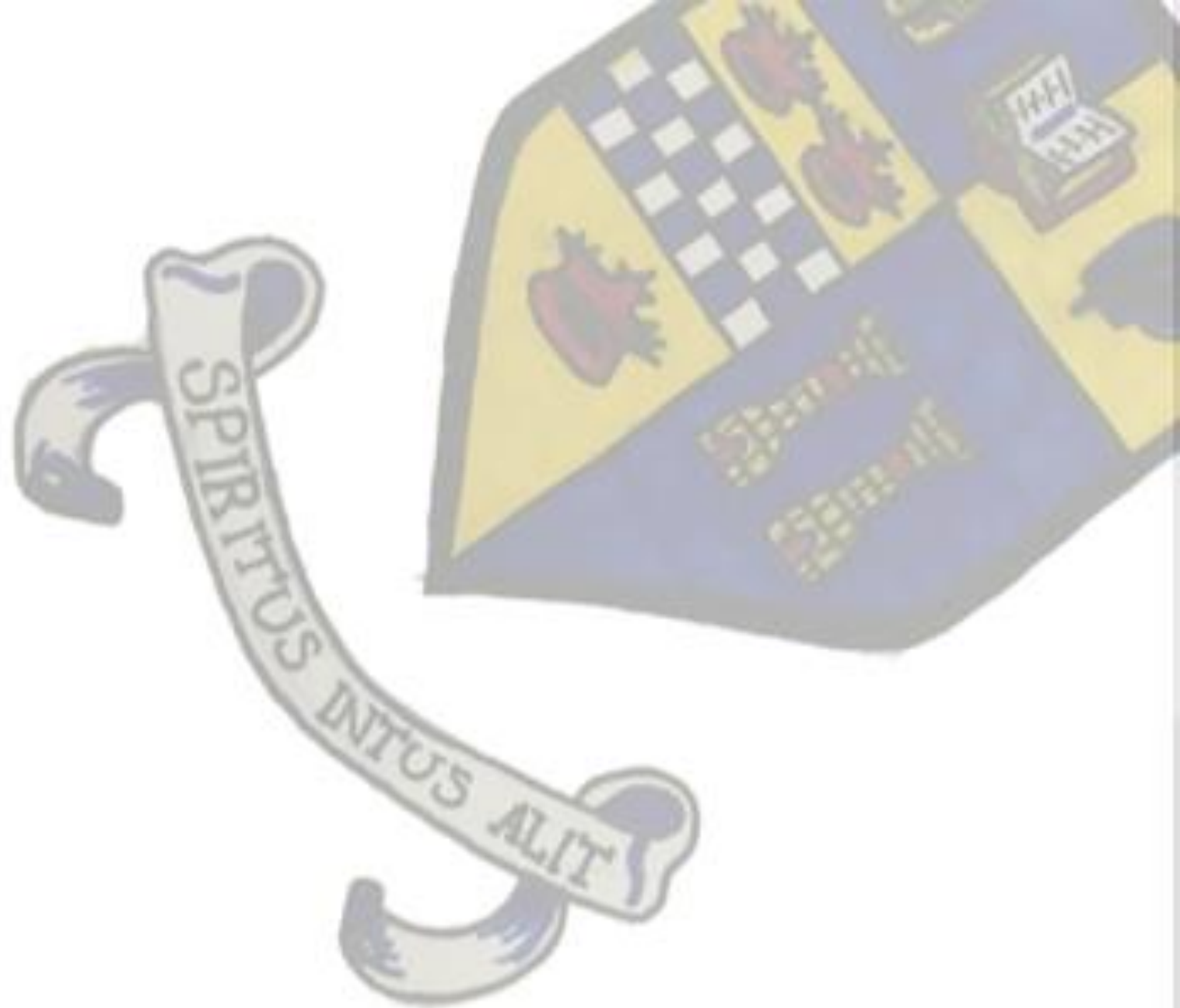
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Cost of the School Day

Concern to reduce costs as far as possible for parents/carers

Update: Scottish Government recently announced that course consumables would not be charged to parents/carers for the lifetime of the parliament.



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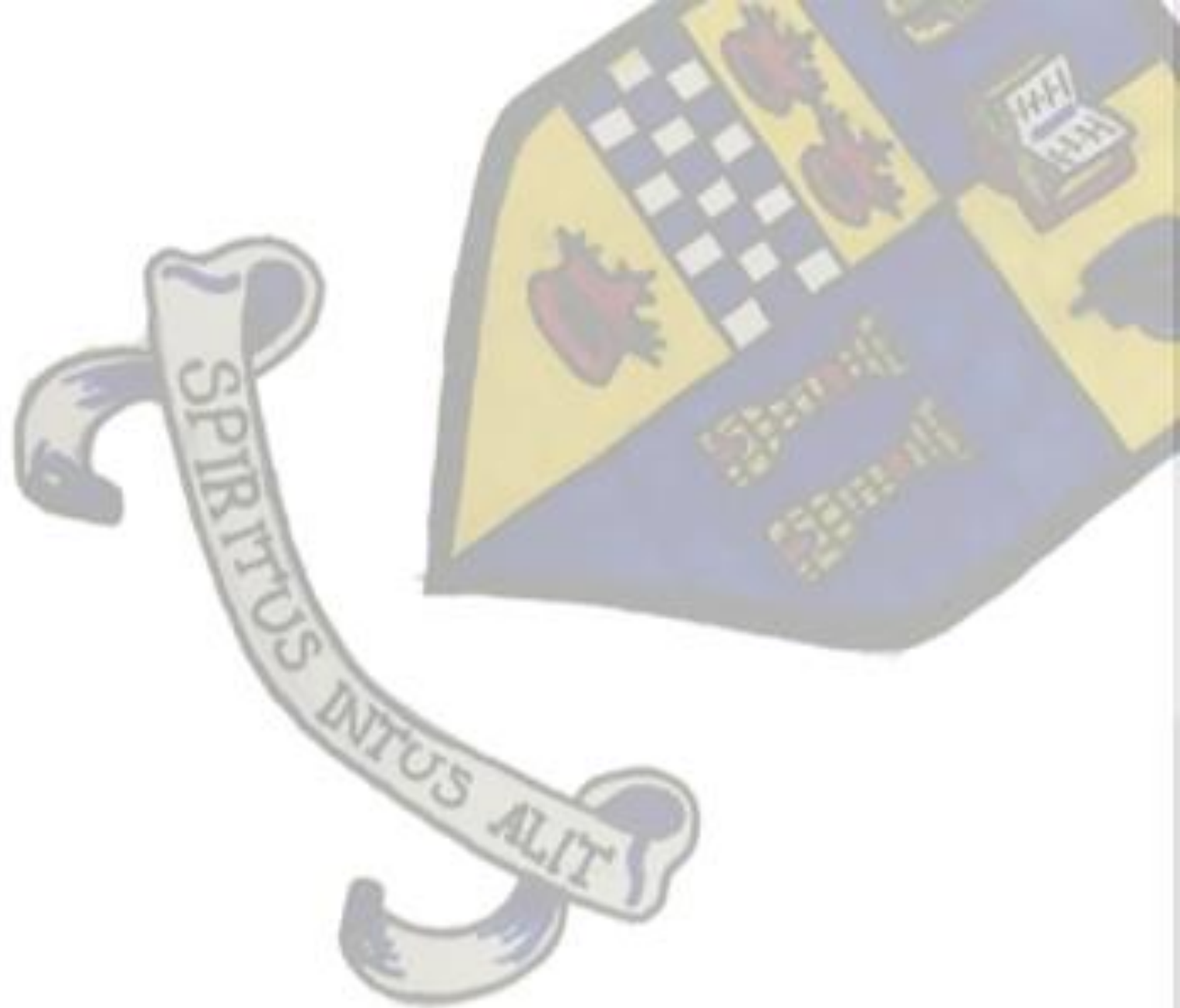
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School Day Changes

Bell sounds were removed and staggered breaks/lunches maintained.

Update: This has seemed to start fairly well with relatively low instances of lateness (first round of late detentions w/c 30.08.21)



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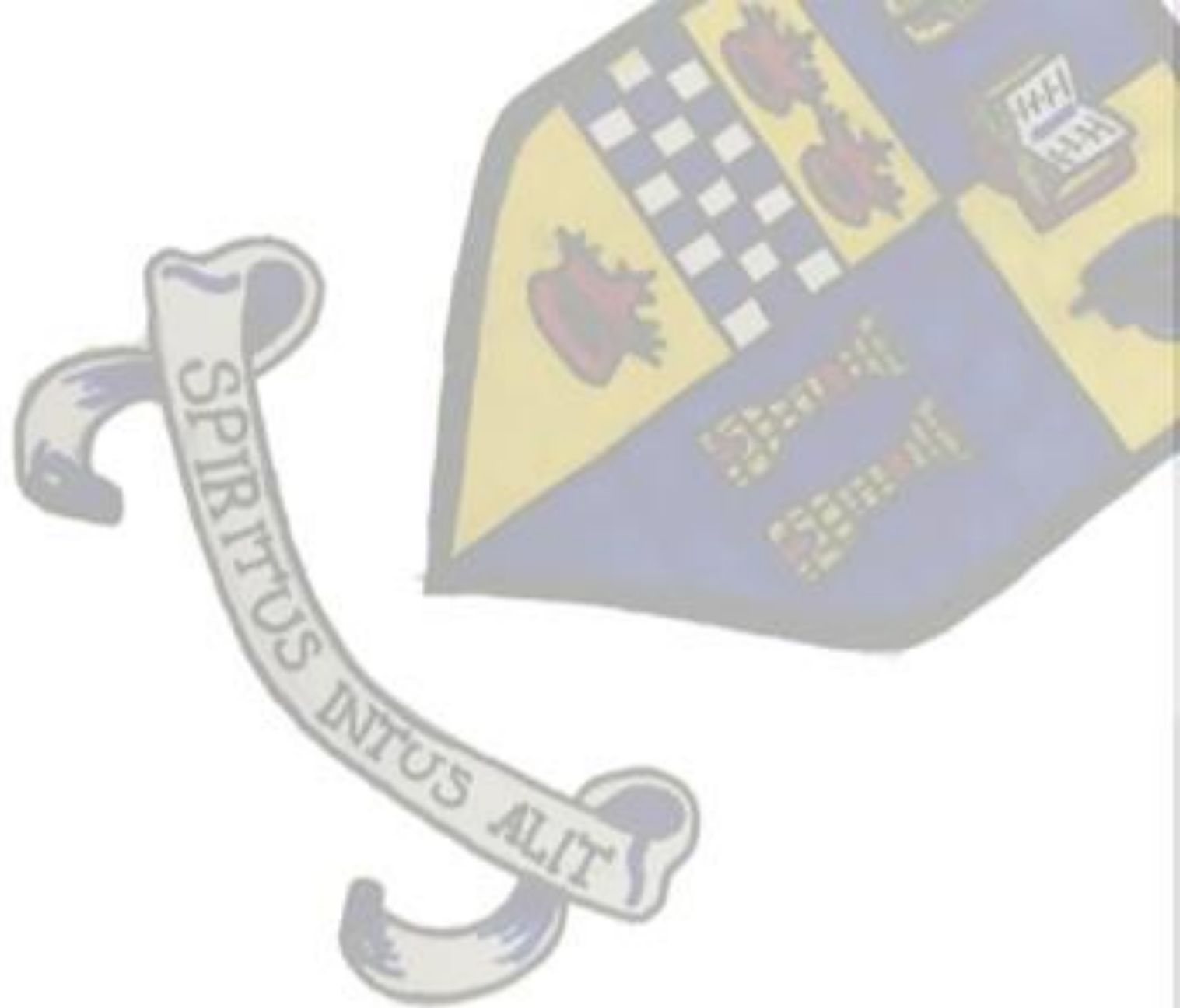
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Improvement Plan

Improvement Plan document can be found [here](#).

Update: Leadership Team are in the process of creating an accessible video version of key priorities for the year which will be made available to the school community.



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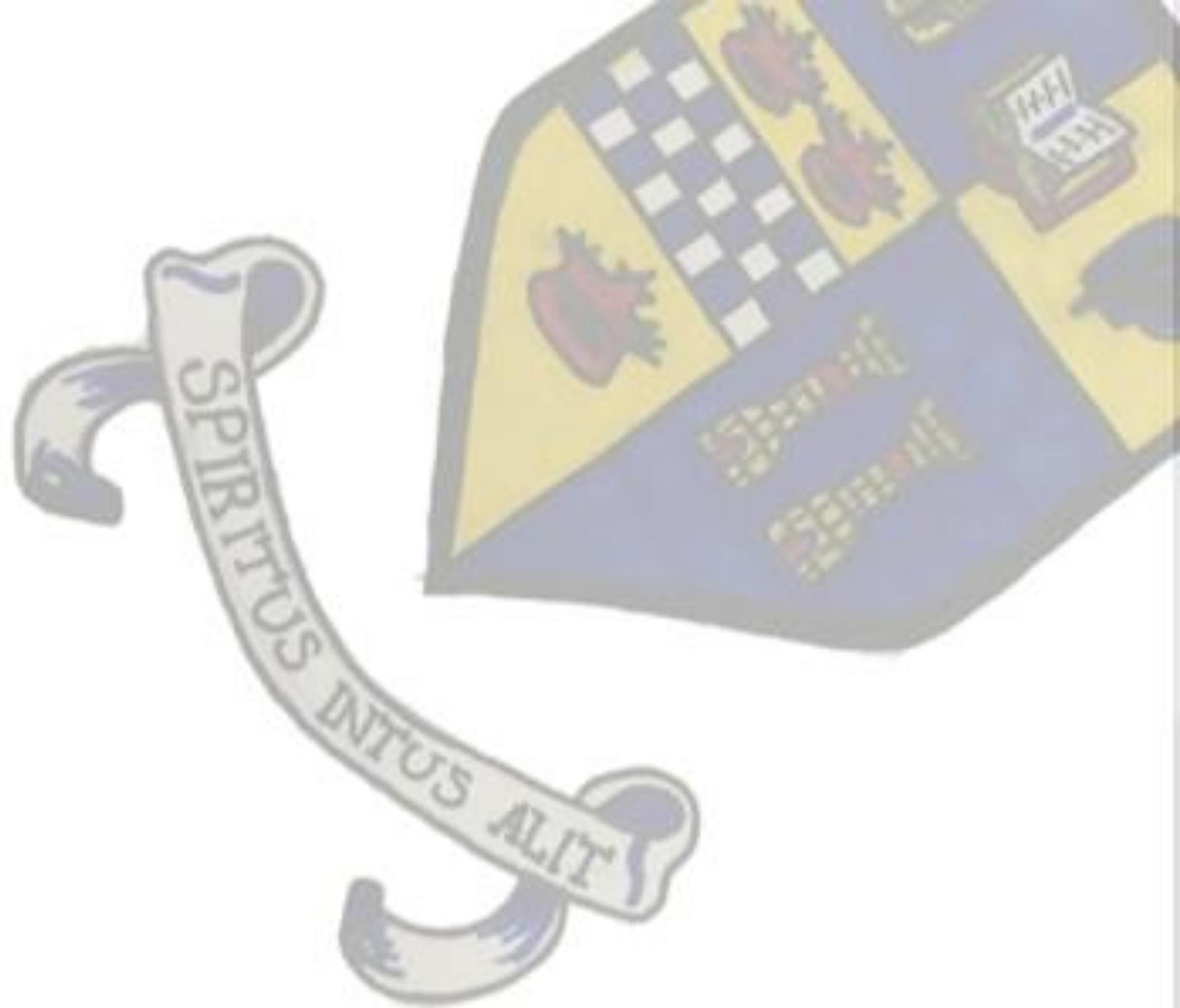
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Staffing

General update on staffing at the Academy.

Update: The staffing situation is positive with two fixed term positions (Maths & Science) currently being advertised. We are also seeking a Pupil Support Worker part time to work alongside Mrs Laurenson on Attendance Officer duties.



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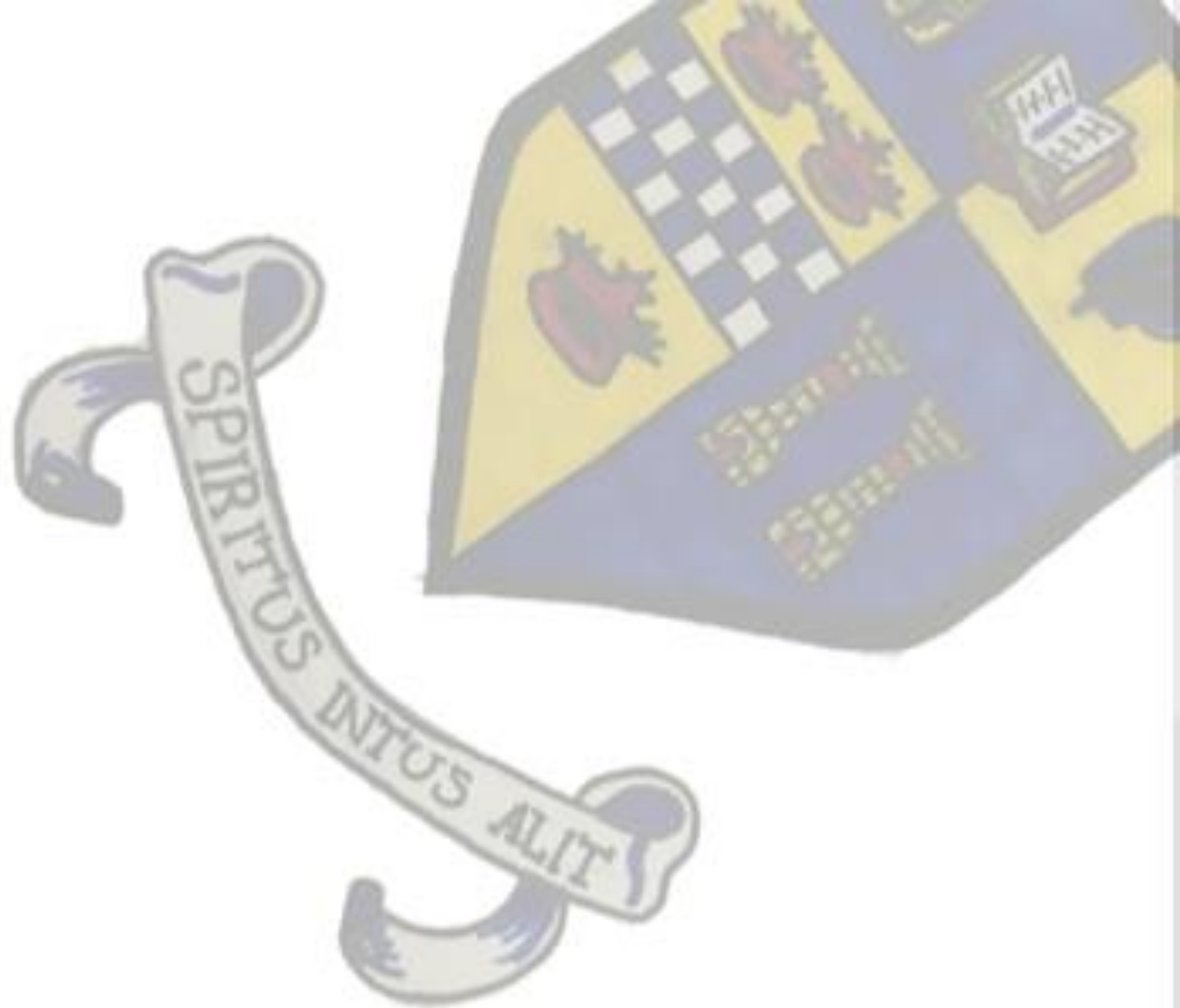
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Equalities Policy

Continued work on creating a new Equalities Policy for Inverurie Academy

Update: Work continues to join up outcomes from UNCRC, the connection between the Academy and *Pivotal Education* to ensure this policy is future-proofed.



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Parent Evening Booking System

- Guidance is that Parent Evenings should be virtual until at least Jan 2022.
- Most Parent Evenings take place in the first half of the year.
- Aberdeenshire Council schools have collectively agreed to procure *Parent Evening Booking System*.
- Trialled by Mackie & Banchory Academies.

Parent Evening Booking System – Key Features

- Parent/Carer logs in and creates their own schedule/selection of subject meetings in advance.
- On the day of the Parent Evening, parent/carer logs in again and clicks on 'video' meeting which then takes place with a 5 minute limit on time.

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INVERURIE COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Phase 2 & 3 Construction Phase Update – 09.09.21

As you are aware, completion of the final phases of the Inverurie Community Campus project have been delayed, initially due to the impact of the Covid shutdown and subsequently due to the discovery and removal of additional asbestos within the former Academy, Community Centre and Swimming Pool buildings. This has delayed the demolition of the buildings, and in turn the formation of the remaining car parking, bus park, all-weather sports facilities, and landscaping.

The revised programme milestone below, including completion of final parking and external sports facilities, were provided by DBFMCo and shared with project stakeholders in June.

ACTIVITY	Completion
Phase 2	
Demolition:	
Area 1 – Swimming Pool & Community Centre	July '21
Area 2 – West Section of Academy	August '21
Area 3 – East Section of Academy	February '22
Area 4 – Games Halls & Non-Linked Accommodation	October '21
Campus Bus Park & Car Park Extension	November '21
Phase 3	
All Weather Pitches	March '22
Amphitheatre & Victoria Park Area Landscaping	April '22
Alterations to Victoria Car Park	December '21

Asbestos removal is on-going within areas still to be demolished and we have requested and await an updated programme from DBFMCo, which once received will inform a further update to all project stakeholders.

It is however positive to see visible demolition, which has allowed the contractor to widen the Campus access and improve general visibility in this area.

During these final phases of construction, the Campus will continue to operate without its full car parking allocation, until the new bus park and final car parking spaces are completed within the Campus site, and the final spaces are formed within the Victoria Park car park, following removal of the temporary bus park. The current on-site campus parking is supplemented by spaces in the Victoria Park car park, along with additional free parking available at Gordon House, on Blackhall Road, a short 10-minute walk away.

The project team appreciate the patience and understanding of Campus users while the final phases of the project are completed.

John Macleod
Project Manager – Property & Facilities Management

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Strengthening Families – Family Learning

- Four week in-person* programme to run after October Holidays.
- Aimed at P6 – S2, delivered by CLD
- Parent/Carer session separate from student session.
- Publicised widely but best results found with referrals through Guidance / School.
- Aimed for supporting families where there are signs of strain, or where families express a need.
- Cluster Schools approach.



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S4	5at4	5at4 VC	5at5	5at5 VC
2018	86.25	85.44	54.38	57.56
2019	77.56	84.87	57.05	59.29
2020	86.98	85.15	64.5	64.62
2021	81.8		61.6	

Appeals
8 initial appeal indications
0 proceeded to SQA

S5	1atL6	3atL6	3at6 VC	5at6	5at6 VC
2018	58.6	37.56	54.61	13.28	29.22
2019	68.5	50.35	58.67	21.68	32.1
2020	79.1	57.46	60.3	21.68	32.1
2021	92	60		31	

S6	<u>1@7</u>	VC	<u>3@7</u>	VC
2018	38.6	42.3	6.8	7.7
2019	37.1	42.9	7.1	7.6
2020	38.5	44.5	6.3	6.6
2021	40.9		5.7	



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'New' Courses				
Year	Total Awards	New L5 Pass	New L6 Pass	New L7 Pass
S4	995	22		
S5	731	40	153	
S6	411	2	39	4



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Barra	39	390
Crichie	36	360
Davah	39	390
Harlaw	31	310
Selbie	43	430
Thainstone	45	450

S1	61
S2	91
S3	29
S4	28
S5	18
S6	6



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ABOUT MINDSET

MINDSET is a structured programme that includes:

12 session curriculum for adolescents

Mental wellbeing workbook for participants

Training manual for facilitators

Branded communication materials

Measurement and impact instruments



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