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Dear Parent / Carer,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the school year. I just want to share some updates with you. You will also find attached a copy of our Academy Star (Summer Edition) newspaper.

It is time to say goodbye and thank you to some of our staff. Moving onto new posts are Mrs Hine (English), Mrs Meldrum (English), Miss Stewart (Drama), Ms Hancy (ASL), Mrs Ugbe (Chemistry) and Mr Mathews (Physical Education).

We must also say goodbye to Mrs Richardson who retires today. Mrs Richardson joined the school as an Art and Design teacher in 2015 and took up the post of Principal Head Faculty of Creative Arts in 2016. During this time her commitment, drive and energy has been key to so many successes. I am sure you would want to join me in wishing Mrs Richardson a happy and healthy retirement.

Joining us in August, we have two new probationer teachers, Mr Duff (RMPS) and Mr Burnett (Maths). Also joining us in August are Mrs Anderson (ASL), Mrs MacDonald (Modern Languages), Miss Mulheron (Modern Languages), Miss Padam (Music), Mrs James (Technical Education), Mrs Meagher (Physical Education) and Mr Warrander (English). We also welcome Mrs Campbell who will take up the post of Principal Teacher Faculty of Creative Arts later in the term.

When we return in August, we will renew our focus on School Uniform and how it reflects our core values of Ambition, Inclusion, Integrity, and Respect. I ask for your continued support to ensure pupils arrive in uniform ready to learn.

Our uniform expectations are below:

Compulsory blue blazer White shirt and school tie Plain black or plain grey (no sports brands) jumper or cardigan Black trousers, thick black leggings (no sports brands) or skirt (School-type shorts are an acceptable option)
Black shoes or trainers

Blazers and ties can be purchased from: <a href="https://www.stevensons.co.uk/">https://www.stevensons.co.uk/</a>

Information on eligibility at how to apply for a uniform grant can be found here:

https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/assistance/school-clothing-grants/

The school also holds a stock of donated uniform. Please contact the school office or your child's guidance teacher if we can help to supply uniform.

Following a very rigorous and hugely competitive process, I am delighted to announce our 2023-24 School Captains, House Captains and DYW Captains. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating them on their appointment and wishing them every success in the coming year. The Captains are:

# **School Captains**

Rhona Fraser Jake Cruickshank Aaron Cardno Lucy Stirling Rachel Boyle Holly MacKintosh

## **House Captains**

#### **BARRA**

Madison Brooks Hannah Gault Erin Hulme Paula Brence

### **CRICHIE**

Tia Morrison Rebecca Pattison Katie Bremner Rhona Bomphrey

## DAVAH

Matthew James Katie Gibbs Lucy Machray Mairi Cunningham

### **HARLAW**

Annabele Bruce Eryn Davison Harry Edward Abigail Gray

#### **SELBIE**

Iona Leishman Holly Grant Sophie McPhee Erin Stewart

#### **THAINSTONE**

Meg Barnett Kathleen Leask Callum MacDonald Evie Davies

**DYW Captains** (this is a newly created role to support the school work on Developing The Young Workforce (DYW) )

Amy Coutts Lachlan Geddes Samuel Stephenson

Our Parent Council are holding their AGM on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. All new parents and carers are welcome to come along and support our excellent Parent Council.

School will begin on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023. Listed below is a link to our 2023-24 Calendar and also key dates for next term.

https://inverurie.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parent-calendar-for-session-23-24/

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August First day of new term Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September Parent Council – AGM

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October S4/5/6 Tracking Reports to Parents/Carers
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October S1/2/3 Tracking Report to Parent/Carers

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October Last Day of Term

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your continued support to ensure we strive to achieve the school values of Ambition, Inclusion, Integrity, and Respect in all we do. On behalf of all the school staff, I wish you all a wonderful summer break and I look forward to welcoming our young people back on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.

Yours sincerely

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