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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we come to the end of yet another very busy term, I just want to share some updates with you. You will also find attached with this letter, a copy of our Academy Star newspaper.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Sarah Mouat, who has joined our PSA team part time. Mr Kieran Pacitti (Home Economics) will be joining the staff on Monday 17th April. This will allow all S1 Home Economics classes to go back to their original timetable. Thank you for your understanding and patience over the last two months with S1 timetable changes.

We are delighted to be welcoming to our permanent staff starting from August 2023, Miss Alexandra McNicol (Modern Languages), Miss Chloe Stephen (Modern Studies) and Mr Joel Simpson (English). All four have had a very successful GTCS probation year with us and I am sure you want to join me on congratulating them on their first permanent post. Miss Cara Smith (Geography) has also been appointed to a permanent position. Also joining us in August is Miss Eilidh Wallace (Modern Languages).

In partnership with the Parent Council we have developed a Communication Policy which clearly lays out how we can communicate effectively to achieve the best outcomes for our young people. The policy can be found on our website at https://inverurie.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/communication-policy/.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey to determine if Parents Evenings should remain virtual or return to face-to-face for 2023-24. We had 379 responses with 62.5% voting to return to face-to-face in session 2023-24. We will share our responses to questions raised through this survey next term.

You will find below a list of key dates for Term Three.

Monday 17th April - Start of Term

Monday 24th April - Start of SQA Study Leave

Monday 1st May - May Day Holiday
Monday 8th May - Coronation Holiday
Wednesday 24th May - P7 in School all day
Monday 5th June - Occasional day holiday
Tuesday 6th June - Start of new Timetable

Tuesday 13th June to

Thursday 15th June - P7 Transition Days

Wednesday 21st June - Awards Ceremony – Thainstone Exchange – 7pm

Friday 7th July - Last day of Term

Finally, can I once again thank you for your ongoing support and wish you all a good Easter Break.

Yours faithfully

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Head Teacher