**AGM 2017 - Parent Council Report**

Firstly, I’d just like to thank all the members of the Parent Council for all of your positive contributions throughout the year! What a busy and successful year we have had!

Some of our significant highlights have been:

* Improving communication with other members of the Parent Forum as we set out our aims for the Parent Council on our page of the School’s website; published the Minutes from our Meetings to inform parents/carers of our discussions with the School’s Leadership Team and we set up our email address.
* Our active involvement in the recruitment process for our new Head Teacher and one of the Depute Head Teachers.
* Our positive engagement with the Inverurie Community Campus Project Team through attending the main Stakeholder group and the Community sub-group meetings to ensure the views/concerns of the Academy’s parents/carers were taken into consideration.
* Visiting Alford Academy to gain a greater understanding of what the new learning environment could be like in the new Community Campus.
* Attending P7 Induction Evenings to encourage parents/carers to come along to PC meetings and contribute their views to our discussions with the school’s Leadership Team.
* Developing a Parent Council promotional flyer to explain what we do, how to get involved or simply get in touch.
* Enthusiastic participation in the School Captain’s session on the development of the School’s Values.
* Supporting the Youth Philanthropy Initiative Finals through participation on the judging panel and providing a financial contribution.
* Contributing to the School’s Improvement Plan by suggesting topics for this year’s Calendar of Family Learning events.
* Inviting guests along to our Parent Council Meetings –
  + Representatives from the Pupil Council to hear how they would like us to lend our support
  + Aberdeenshire Council’s Parental Engagement Officer who explained the different approaches other Parent Councils have used to engage with their parents/carers
  + Mr Patterson to learn about the consultation process for the new school uniform and how we were going to be included
  + Mr Duncan who suggested how the Parent Council could support the next Rock Challenge

There are many more ways we could be involved in supporting our school and I wonder what the next year will bring?

I have enjoyed participating in each Parent Council Committee meeting as they have been positive opportunities for parents, pupils, teaching staff and our local Councillors to work together and share their views and ideas to develop the policies, procedures and general experience of being at our school for the benefit of pupils and their families.

The dates and Head Teacher topic for our programme of Committee Meetings have already been agreed for this year but what we achieve together is up to each one of us as it’s our Parent Council!

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