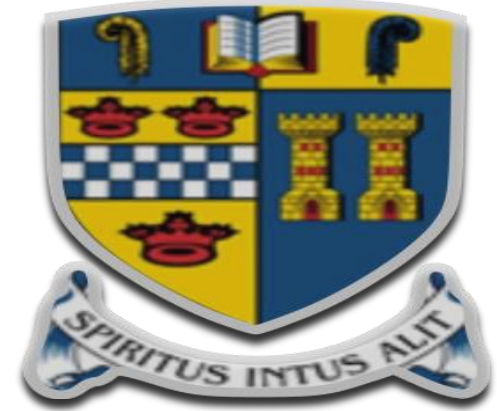


# **INVERURIE** **ACADEMY**



**Parent Council**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 6.30-8.15pm**

## Committee Meeting Agenda

- 1. Welcome (18.30 – 18.32)**
- 2. Attending/Apologies (18.32 – 18.35)**
- 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes/Approval (18.35 – 18.45) – Social Media Officer Vacancy**
- 4. Treasurer Update (18.45 – 18.50)**
- 5. Mobile Phone Policy (18.50 – 19.00) Update – by Julian Shepherd**
- 6. Head Teacher Update (19.00 – 19.40) Update – Staffing, Communication Plan, Water Guidelines Presentation – Celebrating Success: Acknowledging Achievement Request for PC to sponsor an Award**
- 7. Quiz Night Update (19.40 – 19.50 – Fundraising Goal Ideas**
- 8. AOB (19.50 – 20.10)**
- 9. Date (and place) of next meeting (20.10 – 20.15) - May 2023 In the School**

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## Updated Mobile Phone Policy

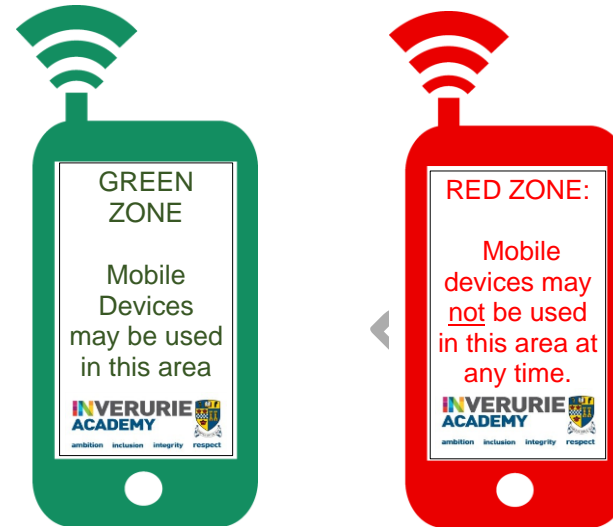
### Proposal to create 'Green Zones' and 'Red Zones'

**Red Zones** being: Classrooms, Corridors/stairwells, Library, Learning Plazas, Planned Learning Spaces/Break-out Spaces, changing rooms and toilets.

Mobile phones and headphones must not be used and should in bags\*.

**Green Zones** being: Canteen/Atrium, social areas (including Auditorium at break and lunchtime), S5 & S6 social areas and outdoor areas.

\* Teachers can set 'Green Zones' in their class when required for appropriate use in lessons \*



Proposal to send out parent/carer Google Form to gain feedback and gauge support for proposal.



### Expectations

- Mobile phones/devices must be in bags at all times in 'Red Zones'.

### Procedures

- 1) Pupil given clear **warning** to put mobile phone away in their bag.
- 2) If it happens again with that member of staff, it is **logged** in our school system (SEEMIS Demerit).
- 3) If a pupil reaches **5** logged Mobile Device demerits in a week, a letter will be issued home.
- 4) The letter home will recommend the pupil's phone should either be left at home the following school day, or submitted to the school office before registration.
- 5) If a pupil continues to use their phone after a Mobile Demerit has been logged, the **duty DHT** will be contacted by the member of staff.

## **Staffing update**

**Currently 3 vacancies (one filled)**

**TVE will be readvertised very soon**

**Mr Kieran Pacitti, HE starting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Modern Languages appointment made, start August 2023**

**Probationer Interviews happening this week and next**

**Then we wait to see our probationer allocation for 23-24 and the final piece of the jigsaw is then filling those blanks if we have any.**

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## Key Dates moving forward

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-	<b>Start of Term</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-	<b>Start of SQA study leave</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	-	<b>May Day Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>Coronation Holiday</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>P7 in school all day</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	-	<b>Occasional day Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	-	<b>Start of new timetable</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	-	<b>P7 Transition Days</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	-	<b>P7 Parents Information Evening</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	-	<b>Awards Ceremony – Thainstone Mart</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	-	<b>Last Day of Term</b>

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## Some Highlights

- **Springboard Future Chef Competition – S3 Pupil won – Won regional attending National Finals in London. Two pupils also prepared and served breakfast at Cormack Park**
- **Saturday morning open doors event on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February**
- **S3 pupil short listed for Aberdeenshire Council Apprentice of the Year 2023**
- **Science trip to Paris – “Science Live”**
- **Word Book Day**
- **Ukraine Evening in partnership with Inverurie Rotary**

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## Inverurie Communication Policy – Next steps?

**Changes to school week.**

**Remain the current model of 32 periods a week, this is key to us being able to deliver of curriculum rationale.**

### ***Current model***

**Monday 6 periods**

**Tuesday 6 periods**

**Wednesday 7 periods**

**Thursday 7 periods**

**Friday 6 periods**

**With the day spilt**

**Three periods after lunch are a challenge for all. Also Wednesday and Thursday are popular for extra curricular so earlier finish will help**

Start	P1	P2	Break	P3	P4	Lunch	P5	P6	P7
08.40 - 08.50	08.50 - 09.40	09.40 - 10.30	10.30 - 10.50	10.50 - 11.40	11.40 - 12.30	12.30 - 13.20	13.20 - 14.10	14.10 - 15.00	15.00 - 15.50

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## New Model

Start times and end time remain the same but long days move

Monday 7 periods

Tuesday 7 periods

Wednesday 6 periods

Thursday 6 periods

Friday 6 periods

The make up of the day will also change with the day moving to 2-3-2, with 2 periods after a later lunch.

Plan to have information out to parents/carers/pupils by the end of this week.

Ideally we would start this on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, I realise this brings challenges but if we waited till August it becomes very challenging.

How can we help with this?

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## Water Policy – Inverurie Academy

It is crucial that young people drink enough water throughout the school day.

Dehydration has a major effect on young people as they may not feel thirsty until it is too late. Dehydration can cause the following symptoms: headaches, reduced energy levels, tiredness, reduced concentration levels, increased irritability, loss of appetite.

The body is made up of approximately two thirds water, which explains why a lack of water has a direct effect on our ability to perform to our full potential. There has been a significant increase in the amount of young people drinking ‘fashionable’ energy drinks. Many young people believe that these drinks will help them to concentrate and stay focused in class; however, the opposite is true. These types of energy drinks are highly sweetened and can cause insomnia, headaches, migraines and anxiousness. Consuming several of these drinks per day will result in a poor sleep cycle, which will result in pupils arriving to school feeling tired and unable to concentrate. Furthermore, they may feel that they need more of these drinks to ‘get through the day’.

- Pupils are entitled to drink water throughout the school day.
- Pupils should be encouraged to bring a filled bottle with water to school each day.
- Water should be stored in a water bottle and kept on their desk, in their bag or in an area agreed with their class teacher. Some classes will require a designated area away from equipment.
- Only water is permitted in classrooms out with break and lunchtime.
- Energy drinks will not be permitted in school. Staff will ask these drinks to be put away or binned.
  - Water fountains are situated at points in the school.
- Bottles can be refilled if required from the water fountains.
- Bottle should be filled before school, at break or at lunch. Pupils will not be allowed out of class to fill water bottles.

Pupils failing to follow this policy will be subject to the Promoting Positive Relationships Policy.

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**Awards Ceremony – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 -7pm – Thainstone Exchange**  
**This is celebration that all that is good about Inverurie Academy**

**All award winners will be notified by letter and parents will be entitled to tickets, as of yet not sure how many?**

**Pupils will be there in the morning for full rehearsal.**

**S1-S3 Awards of Excellence – approx. 120 pupils**

**S4-S6 Subject Awards – approx. 40**

**Wider awards**

**Pupil achievements**

**Effective Contributors Awards**

**Gold Envelope Awards**

**Parent Council Awards for student who developed school Ethos?**

**House Championship**

**Rotary Award for Citizenship (this might move)**

**Aberdeen University Principals Awards for Academic Excellence**

**Support from local businesses has been outstanding and school partners**

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**And finally ....**

**Parents Evening – 23/24 – current out for vote, virtual or face to face?**

**Work Experience – 23/24?**



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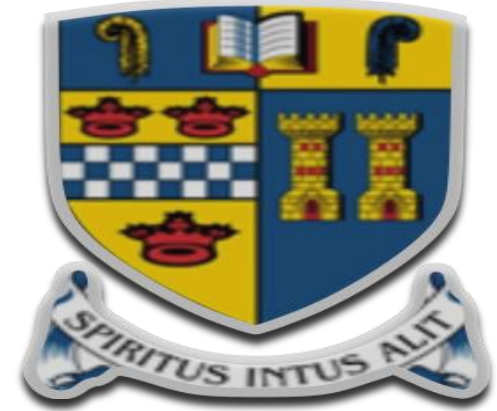
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