

Rector's Report

We are now in to our last week or so of SQA Examinations and by all accounts things have gone very smoothly and thanks go to our invigilation team who have once more excelled in their support and delivery. Let us hope that all the hard work and effort placed in support of our youngsters, and by the youngsters themselves of course, pay dividends when results are announced in August.

Staffing for August looks good with all subject vacancies filled. There are two vacancies in SFL in the process of being advertised. These are the result of the imminent retirement of two of our colleagues and the return to a classroom teacher post of another. Last week we appointed Mr John Forbes from Ellon Academy to PT Business Education, ICT & Enterprise. Mr Forbes is a very experienced colleague and comes with glowing references and is due to join us on 16th June.

We are well engaged with planning for next session. Our annual round of meetings with heads of faculty/departments, reviewing improvement plans for the current session, begins shortly. The main focus for discussion will be continued development of the new curriculum – ongoing review of the Broad, General Education and further development of the Senior Phase and the introduction of new national qualifications. Questionnaires will go out soon to a sample of pupils, parents and all staff to help inform the planning process.

Preparations are in hand for this week's sports day (Wednesday) and special events day (Friday). Thanks go to all staff involved in making arrangements for these events, their efforts at making these days a success are much appreciated.

Arrangements are underway to host our 175 year Anniversary lunch on Saturday 28 June. Tickets for the event which will see the launch of the anniversary book should be on sale soon. Preparations are also well underway for our annual prize-giving on Wednesday 02 July and we look forward to welcoming everyone to the evening to celebrate the many successes of our youngsters once more. We also have a Merit Ceremony for S1 – S3 planned for Tuesday 01 July.

Session ends on Friday 04 July and I wish to put on record my thanks to all staff, parents and the local community for their support and input over the past year. The experiences and achievements of our youngsters are, of course, the main driver of our work, they have benefitted greatly from our combined input and it's great to see the positive impact of our teamed efforts. Let's look forward to more of the same next session and in the years to come.

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