

## **Head Teacher Report Parent Council 5/6/2017**

### **Staffing**

Adverts out for Modern Studies and Physics.

### **Behaviour Policy**

Further staff training has taken place and we are ready to launch the policy in August. A letter to parents is ready and will be issued in the last two weeks of term. Tutor teachers will remind pupils of the new procedures at this point also.

### **New Timetable**

New timetable is now in place.

### **Primary 7/S1 Transition**

Staff have been visiting primary schools as part of our transition programme. We are working on arrangements for P7 Link Week 13/14/15 June.

### **Library**

Project plan for the Library is in place and work is scheduled for completion over the summer holidays. There will be an area for S6 pupils within this to allow them access to materials (AH texts, support materials for dissertations) and IT. There will also be smart boards for small group teaching at the other end of the Library. The whole area is being painted to make it a more welcoming learning environment. There will also be a bespoke area for our younger pupils to encourage them to access reading materials (Broad General Education) area.

### **School Improvement Planning**

Faculty audits are now complete and the HT is meeting with Faculty PTs and DHTs to go through work completed and next steps. The whole school improvement plan is based on this information.

Key themes for inclusion in the School Improvement Plan (SIP)

- Senior Phase. Revisit National 5 courses now that the unit assessments have been withdrawn. Adapt presentation policy and ensure pupils and parents are very aware of the level of presentation. The options being a National 5 full course award or National 4 full course award. In a few cases there may be pupils presented for National 5 units but this should only be in a few cases. The Recognising Positive Achievement (RPA) remains in place for two years. We will issue new Planning for Success materials to parents advising of the changes to National 5, this will be part of the Planning for Success evening scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

- Broad General Education. PTs are reviewing their courses against the new benchmarks issued by Education Scotland. These provide the success criteria to support staff in making professional judgements about the CfE level young people have achieved. We will also be training staff on the use of the new Scottish Standardised National Assessments taken by pupils in S3. These do produce diagnostic reports.
- There is going to be a new national approach to tracking and monitoring through the Broad General Education on our management information system, SEEMIS. We need to review our procedures in light of this.
- Continued expansion of the use of electronic communication with parents through Google classroom and better use of email and text.
- New learning, teaching and assessment policy.

### **Pupil Equity Fund/Budgets**

Linked to the above is the work being undertaken on our plans for the use of the Pupil Equity Fund. The PEF allocation for AGS is £27,600. The funding is based on the number of pupils in receipt of Free School Meals. On the advice of the Parent Council, the FSM form is now going out with enrolment packs.

We have a draft report. I will share this with the PC. We are looking to invest in a school counsellor as house teams have identified anxiety and issues around this as being a barrier for some of our young people. There are more specific pieces of work around tracking individual progress and putting in place more opportunities based on data gathered. We may need to build time for an identified member of staff to co-ordinate this work. The full detail of the PEF Plan will be shared in draft form with the PC. The QIO has yet to authorise this, hence this is still in draft form.