**HT Update December 2018**

**House Group News**

Mrs O’Brien (Principal Teacher Pupil Support) retires at the end of term. Mrs O’Brien works tirelessly for the young people in her house group and she will be missed by everyone here at Aberdeen Grammar School. Thank you Mrs O’Brien for your hard work and dedication.

Mr Robertson (Principal Teacher Pupil Support) has been appointed as acting Depute Head Teacher with a Pupil Support remit. Congratulations to Mr Robertson. I look forward to working with him on all areas relating to pupil wellbeing.

Mr Allan (Principal Teacher Pupil Support) has now been appointed on a permanent basis as Depute Head Teacher at St Machar Academy. Well done Mr Allan.

As a result, it is important to note that your child may have a new Principal Teacher of Pupil Support (PTPS). I have noted below the House Head and the PTsPS as these are important first points of contact for you.

**Byron**

House Head: Mrs Bell

PTPS (B1-B17 odds): Miss Norrie PTPS (B2–B18 evens): Miss Bruce

**Keith & Dun**

House Head: Mr Martin

PTPS (KD1-KD17 odds): Mrs Gibson PTPS (KD2-KD18 evens): Mr Kerr

**Melvin**

House Head: Miss Adams

PTPS (M1-M17 odds): Mr McTernan PTPS (M2-M18 evens): Ms Fraser

**Staffing News**

Mrs Tease retired earlier this term and has now been replaced by Mr Berhane. We wish Mr Berhane well as he takes up post as Principal Teacher of Modern Languages. We thank Mrs Tease for her years of loyal service to our young people.

Dr McPhail is moving on to pastures new and again she will be missed. Dr McPhail has played a key role in our Science faculty and the outstanding Chemistry results evidence this. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Barnett to our Science faculty, she is a very experienced Chemistry teacher and is looking forward to working with pupils and parents in the new term.

**Inspection Update**

Please be advised that the Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) has now been published on the Education Scotland website.  This link will take you straight to the report and the SIF:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/aberdeen-city/5244439>

I am delighted with the very positive report from Education Scotland on the work we do at Aberdeen Grammar School.  As the inspectors noted, our young people benefit from an extensive range of learning opportunities resulting in high quality attainment and achievement.  Such experiences can only happen when the whole school community works together with the shared vision that only the best will do for our learners.  I am extremely proud of my staff and pupils and I am so pleased that the report recognises their talent, hard work and success.  I would also like to express my thanks to you, our parents, for all your support and placing such value on the importance of education.

In meetings with the inspectors we discussed the significance of parental engagement as you know your child best. We have invested in extending our contact with you through the “Planning for Success” and “Learner Pathways” events as well as our reports and parents’ evenings. Your attendance and positive feedback on all of these events has been superb and I thank you for it. I truly believe providing our young people with a first class education provides them with a strong foundation to achieve their dreams and ambitions. Working in partnership with you, we are achieving this.

The Summary of Inspection Findings (SIF) will provide you with a very detailed report on our current work and the difference this is making for our young people in 2019, I will be in touch again to share our plans and seek your views on a range of projects contained within the School Improvement Plan (SIP).

**Best Wishes for 2019**

We have had another successful year and the evidence of this can be seen on our website where we post all of our achievements.

For now, I thank you again for your support and look forward to working with you in 2019.

Ms Murison

Head Teacher