



MONIFIETH HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

As we begin the term I would like to thank you for your support as the huge majority of young people returned today in positive spirits and very well turned out in school uniform. Staff were keen to welcome their classes and get going again. As ever, the beginning of the new school year is a busy time and this brief information note is to let you know about a few staffing updates and to clarify some questions raised.

1. School uniform – please continue to support us by ensuring all young people are in appropriate school uniform, whether formal or the more relaxed hoody option. Only school hoody tops are permitted. If you have any concerns regarding the purchase of uniform, please be in touch.
2. S1 pupils will continue to be supported by their buddies this week and as required. S1s should not leave the school premises at lunchtime for the next two weeks.
3. Course choice changes are underway for those young people who require an alteration to their senior timetable. They should remain in timetabled classes until any changes are confirmed by their guidance teacher.
4. Course changes and staffing updates do affect some courses. We are currently working on ensuring as many young people can access as many of their preferred courses as possible. Changes will be discussed with young people any queries should be directed to guidance staff in the first instance.
5. Modern Studies Higher: All higher classes should attend as per their timetable – updates have been made today to attempt to ensure everyone can access this course.
6. We have had a number of new staff join us this term and we welcome:
 - Mrs McGlone – Maths, Social Subjects & RME
 - Mrs Matthewson-Lee – Maths, Social Subjects & RME
 - Mrs Kidd – Social Subjects (History & Geography)
 - Miss Houston – Science (Chemistry)
 - Mrs Thomson – Admin / Office manager
7. Early in this term Mrs Johansen will be leaving our support assistant team and Mr Michie will depart from his post as our pool assistant, both moving onto exciting new opportunities.
8. At the end of August, Miss Wilson will take up post as Head of ICT at a school in Northern Ireland. Miss Wilson has been integral to much of the life of Monifieth HS in recent years and we will miss her. Planning is already underway to recruit and ensure provision in Computing and for the Principal Teacher role across Business, Computing and Technical education.
9. We will be holding interviews for a teacher of Biology this term to replace Mr Barclay who left at the end of term. Adverts are also in process to recruit additional support assistants to the team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Dingwall, Head Teacher



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