Buckie Community High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all are well. Apologies this is later than usual- new just needed to ensure we had the most up to date information for you all.

Staffing

PT Transform: We are pleased to share that Mrs Katie Meldrum, currently teaching at The Gordon Schools in Huntly, was successful in interview for this position. She will be joining us on Thursday 11 December. We look forward to her joining us then!

Acting PT Geography: We are pleased to share that Miss Alex Burrell was successful in interview for this position to backfill Mrs Rachael Smith. Miss Burrell will commence this position from Monday 24 November. We are sure she will do continue to do a fantastic job leading the department.

Teacher of Social Subjects: We are also pleased to share that Mr Connor Bolton will be supporting the Geography department to backfill Miss Burrell. Mr Bolton will be in the department for the remainder of the term and the position will be advertised on MyJobScotland next Friday.

Acting Depute Head Teacher: As previously shared Mrs Rachael Smith will be Acting DHT from Monday 24 November. This will mean a slight change for Heads of House and who to contact to speak to about any issues/concerns. From Monday the supports for each House group will be as follows:

Cluny House

Acting PTG- Ms Parrot

Acting House Head- Mr Donlin

Lennox House

PTG- Miss Sim

Acting House Head- Mrs Smith

Rathburn House

PTG- Mr Smith

House Head- Mrs Reid

Seafield House

Acting PTG- Monday/Tuesday- Mrs Edwards

PTG- Tuesday/Wednesday-Friday- Mrs Grant

House Head- Mrs Bain

Christmas Dances

Our Christmas Dances will be on Tuesday 9 December for S1-3 pupils and Thursday 11 December for S4-6 Pupils.

At BCHS we appreciate the continued support from our young people and parents on promoting our school values.

To ensure this is being promoted and celebrated there may be some young people, who have been unable to demonstrate our values that will not be permitted to attend these dances.

- If your child has been excluded they may not be permitted to attend the dance
- If your child has a significant number of SLT call outs they may not be permitted to attend the dance
- If your child refuses to attend classes or follow instructions on a regular basis they may not be permitted to attend the dance
- If your child has a significant number of de-merits for failure to follow instructions or general disrespect towards staff they may not be permitted to attend the dance

Some young people who are at risk of not being able to attend will be notified next week and any young person who is not able to attend due to the above will be notified via letter next week.

Parental Engagement

Our next Parent Council Meeting will be on Monday 26 January, from 6pm-8pm in the school social area. This has been called as an extraordinary AGM due to our Chair resigning. There are some members who would step up but this needs to be follow through the correct process. We would like to encourage as many parents to attend these meetings so we can work together to shape the direction of our school community.

This term we will continue with our Parental Engagement Sessions offered this term, however we will be looking to expand and improve them to “Tea with our SLT” sessions.

These will be on:

- Thursday 27 November: 4.30pm-6.30pm
    - HT and DHT Learning and Teaching (Mrs Bain)

      BCHS Learning & Teaching Strategy
- Monday 8 December: 4.30pm-6.30pm
    - HT and DHT Pupil Support (Mrs Reid)

      Focusing on BCHS Attendance Strategy and Cost of the School Day

If you would like to sign up to one of these sessions please complete this form and if you have any queries we can get these in advance so we are best placed to support you on the evening.

Kind regards,



Jemma Playfair

Head Teacher