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Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing Update

We wanted to update you on some changes within our Pupil Support Team over the last few weeks. You may be aware of some of these changes but this is just to give a bit more detail.

Mrs Rachael Smith (Acting DHT- Lennox Head of House) and Mr Colin Smith (PTG Rathburn House) will both be off for the remainder of the term due to personal reasons. Therefore, to ensure you and your child are supported until the summer we have had to make some changes to ensure there is adequate coverage for support (changes are in red)

Cluny House

PTG Cluny House- Miss Pamela Parrott

Cluny Head of House- Mr Brian Donlin

We have decided that keeping Miss Parrott in Cluny house would give consistency for our young people in Cluny until the summer holidays.

Lennox House

- PTG Lennox- Miss Alisha Sim
- Lennox Head of House- Ms Jemma Playfair

Whilst Mrs Smith remains absent I will take over as House Head for Lennox. Therefore if I am attendance at some parental meetings it will likely be to support as House Head, not as Head Teacher. This ensures all of our Guidance teachers have a member of SLT as their link to support them with House matters.

Seafield House

- PTG Seafield- Mrs Kay Copeland (Monday & Tuesday) & Mrs Sharon Grant (Wednesday- Friday)
- Seafield Head of House- Mrs Liz Bain

Mrs Kay Copeland has returned from maternity leave in May and will be Guidance Teacher for Seafield on Mondays and Tuesdays. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Rebecca Edwards for her dedication and commitment as Acting Principal Teacher of Guidance for Seafield House. Mrs Edwards has returned to her substantive post in our Maths department.

Rathburn House

- PTG Rathburn- Miss Rebecca Cowie
- Rathburn Head of House- Mrs June Reid

Miss Rebecca Cowie has returned from maternity leave and will be supporting our Rathburn pupils until the summer holidays. This ensures there is a member of staff available for every young person in the school.

To ensure there is a Guidance Teacher in Rathburn after the summer holidays, we will be recruiting for an Acting Principal Teacher of Guidance to ensure all of our young people are fully supported.

We hope this will allow you to contact the most relevant person to support you and your child and give you some clarity on what is quite a complex matter for us.

Depute Head Teachers

1. Mrs June Reid has been seconded to the role of Acting DHT Secondary Outreach and Pinefield (0.8fte). This means Mrs Reid will technically only work at Buckie Community High School for four days, however her outreach team and her will be working predominately at BCHS for the first part of her secondment. We know her wealth of knowledge and experience will be great for this role, however this does mean we will need to backfill her position here.

   I am in the process of recruiting for Mrs Reid's backfill.

2. We are also recruiting an additional Depute Head Teacher, as we were given additional funding from Moray Council. This will allow us to maintain having 4 DHTs as Mrs Smith's role was temporary using temporary funding.

   I am in the process of recruiting for our additional Depute Head Teacher.

3. Mr Donlin is currently backfilling for Mr Duffy, who is on secondment as Acting Head Teacher at Keith Grammar School. Mr Donlin is due to return to his substantive post at Milne's High School in August.

We will update you with an accurate SLT and PTG list on the last week of term, as the interview processes will be complete by then.

Kind regards,

Jemma Playfair

Head Teacher