

Portlethen Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a great October whether at home or away during the school break. I decided to hold this letter until our return and have covered a variety of points below.

Staffing News

Our first news is that Miss Lloyd, Principal Teacher of Guidance, was married in the October break and is now Mrs Edwards.

Parent Council: Change of Dates and next Meeting.

Please note we have had to change some of the dates to give a spread between Wednesdays and Thursdays. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

Term 2 Wed 30 October 2019 AGM

Term 3 Thursday 9 January 2020

Wednesday 4 March 2020

Term 4 Thursday 23 April 2020

Wednesday 3 June 2020

All meetings run from 7.00-8.30pm and are held in the Academy Staffroom on the first floor.

Please note that the meeting this Wednesday is the Annual General Meeting. In addition to the normal business we will have a presentation by the group of pupils who are currently working towards a Youth Achievement Award which will see them travel to Morocco in October 2020. All parents are most welcome at the meeting.

Careers Event: Tasty careers in food, drink and agriculture Tuesday Oct 29, 2019 5.30pm - 8pm

Location: ANM Group Mart, Thainstone Centre, Inverurie, AB51 5XZ

If your child is interested in discovering more about careers in the above sectors this event will provide valuable input and is easily reached by car thanks to the AWPR. Places are still available via the following link <https://www.dyw.org.uk/events/a-taste-of-food-drink-and-agriculture-parent-pupil-and-teacher-information-evening>

Our School Curriculum

The school curriculum is the bread and butter of what we do and covers all the courses we deliver. It has been gradually changing to reflect pupil needs and aspirations coupled with the needs of the local and national economy. We feel it is very important that information on this is available to all

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parents and we have revised our Curriculum Booklet to bring it up to date. It is available on the school website at the following link <http://portlethenacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Curriculum-For-Excellence-Information-booklet-V4.pdf>

We were also recently asked to provide information for Education Scotland on our curriculum and approaches to Developing the Young Workforce and Skills. This can be found at the following link(though you will have to scroll down a few pages to September's entries or use the search function and our school name) <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/eslb/>

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or comments about any of the information in the items above.

Sponsored Walk

Last but not least I want to thank you for your support with the Sponsored Walk and your children for putting in the legwork. We had a huge turnout of pupils and, with the transport paid, we have made over £4000 which we can now distribute. You may recall that our main donations this year will go to CLAN and to RNLI Stonehaven.

In conclusion, thank you again for your support for the school. Our goal is to get the very best for all our pupils, and we look forward to working with you towards this.

Yours sincerely



Neil Morrison

Head Teacher

October 2019