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Dear Parent/Carer

END OF TERM 2 UPDATE / CHRISTMAS 2022

As we end a very busy Term 2 in Portlethen Academy for this academic session, I wish to extend my thanks to all parents/carers for your continued support throughout these last few months. We have welcomed many of you back through our school doors with our GIRFEC Wellbeing Evening in October, the return of face-to-face Parents' Evenings and with our S1 Open Day.

Thanks to our fantastic pupils and our very committed staff team, we have continued to go from strength to strength across our school and local community, and I am delighted to share some highlights with you in our collated Microsoft Sway below. Please follow the Link below and enjoy a round-up of Terms 1 and 2 thus far:

Terms 1 and 2 (Session 2022-23)

Link: <https://sway.office.com/1ZM8h1qUPMBGwlQg?ref=Link>

We look forward to continuing these opportunities further into the new year.

Below are some other key updates for you to be aware of.

Staffing Updates

In the ICT Faculty, we welcomed Mr Isman Ahmad to lead the ICT Faculty as Faculty PT a number of weeks ago. Thanks to Miss Clark for leading the Faculty since August 2022.

Today we say farewell to Mrs Jones (Business Teacher) who is leaving us to go back to the Oil and Gas sector after a number of years in post.

We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Cooper (Behaviour Support Worker) who has worked with our pupils for 20 years in Portlethen Academy

A huge thank you to both for all their hard work and support over the years, and we wish them well in their future ventures.



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SQA / Prelims

Our SQA Prelims are scheduled from Monday 16th January 2023 for two weeks. Our Prelim timetable has been uploaded onto the school website, and Mrs Campbell-Robertson (Depute Head Teacher / SQA Co-ordinator) has communicated directly with pupils via Assemblies and parents/carers via a separate letter with all the information you need.

Please ensure to read this over the break, and we wish our S4-6 pupils all the best for their forthcoming examinations.

Industrial Action Reminder

A reminder that Portlethen Academy will be closed to all pupils on Wednesday 11th January 2023 due to the forthcoming Industrial Action.

School Uniform

Lastly, I would like to remind all parents/carers of our School Uniform/Dress Code in Portlethen Academy and ask for your continued support to ensure we see the highest standard of this possible in the new year.

Expectations of All	Not Accepted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tie – Junior (S1-3) – School Colours Senior (S4-6) – Black *Available from School Office for £4.20 • White collar – shirt/polo shirt Plain black jumper, V-neck, cardigan if extra layer needed • Black trousers, skirt, jeans • Black/dark trainers or shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leggings / Sports Wear • Jackets and hats/hoods (to be removed in school/workplace). • Bright / coloured trainers or shoes.

Information about School Clothing Grants for those eligible can be accessed here: [School clothing grants - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

Dates for your Diary

Our Christmas Concert has been rescheduled for **Tuesday 10th January 2023**. Our S3 Parents' Evening date will be consulted on in school and communicated to you in the new year.



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All other important dates can be accessed from our school website at the link below:

<https://portlethenacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parent-area/important-dates-2/>

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school.

Information on how to do this is included in this link on our website:

<https://portlethenacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/our-school/contact-us/> along with our Parent/Carer Communication Guide to help you to know who to contact and when.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable festive break. I hope everyone can relax and enjoy some quality time with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back from **Monday 9th January 2023** for the start of Term 3. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely

Barry Drennan
Head Teacher