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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of another very busy school session, I would like to thank each and every pupil, colleague, and parent/carer for their continued support throughout the year.

It has been a hectic year; however, we have lots to be proud of across the school and community, and I wanted to take the time to share some of these successes and achievements with you below.

- **Summer Newsletter**

A round-up of Term 3 and 4 'Good News Stories' and achievements have been pulled together in our Microsoft Sway presentation below. Please enjoy looking back over the second half of this year.

***Link to Sway:** [Portlethen Academy Summer Newsletter](#)

As we think ahead to Session 2023-24, below are some key points and reminders for all.

- **SQA Update / Appeals Process**

Mrs Campbell-Robertson (Depute Head Teacher / SQA Co-ordinator) is writing to all Senior Phase parents and carers about the process for SQA Appeals. Like last year, this will involve some information gathering via a Microsoft Form in the first instance, and then further discussions.

Pupils will receive their much-anticipated SQA Results on Tuesday 8th August 2023, and we wish them all the very best. I am sure they will make us very #ProudOfPorty!

- **Uniform**

It has been fantastic to see an improvement in our School Uniform across the school since the change of timetable. Many pupils have taken the information on board and are wearing appropriate school uniform each day. Thank you and well done – it does make such a difference!

However, for some, there is still some room for improvement and, contrary to what your young person may tell you – it does matter! In particular, the bottom half of uniform still needs addressed for many pupils please, namely in not wearing leggings or joggers to school as these are not appropriate for the workplace.

Below is what is accepted in our school dress code, and I would ask you to please address this with your young person over the summer break to ensure they are equipped with appropriate school uniform for our



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return in August. White collars and ties should also be worn each day. Pupils should change every period for PE and wear uniform out with PE times. The only exception to this is our AFC classes who can wear their PE Kit on Tuesday p3-6 and Thursday all day when in AFC classes.

Portlethen Academy Uniform Outline:

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• White collar – shirt/polo shirt <p>Plain black jumper, v-neck, cardigan if extra layer needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black trousers, skirt, jeans• Black/dark trainers or shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leggings / Joggers / Sports Wear• Jackets and hats/hoods (to be removed in school/workplace).• Bright / coloured trainers or shoes.

If there are any exceptions or exemptions required for medical/additional support need (ASN)/sensory issues, then please contact your young person's Guidance Teacher for a further discussion. Equally, if support is required, then there is funding available for those eligible here: [School clothing grants - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

- **Calendar / Important Dates**

Our School Calendar is now set for Session 2023-24 and a key list of important dates for your diary can be viewed from our school website here: [Portlethen Academy - Important Dates \(Session 2023-24\)](#).

This details some whole-school events, our holidays and occasional days, parent/carer evenings and open days, when you should expect tracking and full reports, along with key contacts within the school for your young person.



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- **School Reporting Update / Parents' Portal**

From the start of next session, we plan to publish all school reports (Tracking and Full Reports) on Parents' Portal and no longer provide a paper copy.

If you have not yet signed-up to Parents' Portal or your myAberdeenshire account, please do so over the summer. Details and support can be found here: [Parentsportal - Aberdeenshire Council](#), including how to link to your child's account here: [Parentsportal: link your child's details to your account - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

Regular reminders will be sent ahead of each Reporting cycle and our School Office will also support where required. Further information to follow in due course.

- **Get Ready for The Future Event – Portlethen Academy Theatre**

Monday 28th August 2023, 6-7.30pm

Another important date for your diary is detailed above, as we host an important event for all pupils, parents/carers and local business partners. Please save the date and time, and pop down to find out more. This event is open to everyone across our local community and no need to book a place or RSVP. It is very much an open invitation following the successful event for our new Senior Phase pupils at the start of their timetable in June 2023. We look forward to seeing you there!

- **Start of Session 2023-24**

On the first day back, we will be having Year Group assemblies in the Theatre, starting with the S1s. We look forward to seeing our pupils, including our New s1s, from Tuesday 22nd August 2023 for a great year ahead.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families and excellent summer break.

Yours sincerely

Mr Drennan
Head Teacher