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Dear Parent/Carer

### **END OF TERM 2 UPDATE / CHRISTMAS 2023**

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 two terms.

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 Newsletter below. Please follow the Link below and enjoy a round-up of Terms 1 and 2 thus far:

#### **Winter Newsletter - Terms 1 and 2 (Session 2023-24)**

Link: [Winter Newsletter \(Session 2023-24\)](#)

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**

##### **PT Curriculum Development**

Miss Sarah-Louise Hunt (Teacher of Art and Design) has been successfully appointed as our new PT Curriculum Development. Sarah will take on the role of leading Clan throughout our school, and also focusing on our S1-3 BGE Curriculum Development. Congratulations, Sarah.

##### **0.6 Depute Head Teacher**

Euan Lawson has been appointed as our permanent 0.6 DHT following interviews in recent weeks. Euan should begin with us in February 2024, and will continue in the remit of Raising Attainment and Tracking and Monitoring. Congratulations to Euan.

##### **Teachers of Chemistry**

We have two new Chemistry Teachers beginning with us towards the end of January 2024. Emma Livesey and Karen Cuniffe. They will replace Miss Moreland who left to move to a new post a few weeks ago, and Miss Pierpoint who is moving into a new role as an ASL Teacher.



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### **SQA / Prelims**

Our SQA Prelims are scheduled from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 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.

### **Dates for your Diary**

A reminder that all forthcoming dates can be viewed from our school website here:

[Important Dates \(School Website\)](#)

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – start of Term 3
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Senior Phase (S4-6) Prelims
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – S3 Subject Choice Information Evening (for current S2s)
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Senior Phase Subject Choice Information Evening (for current S3, 4 and 5s staying on in school)
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Occasional Day Holidays
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Mid-term Holiday
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – In-Service Days (pupil holidays)
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – pupils return to school

Wishing you all a very enjoyable festive break. I hope everyone can relax and enjoy some quality time with friends and family. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024** for the start of Term 3. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely

**Barry Drennan**  
Head Teacher