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Mrs Irene Carson, Head Teacher

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2015

As we approach the October holiday I would like to remind you that the school is closed from 1.15pm on Friday 9 October and reopens for pupils and staff on Monday 26 October. A number of events are planned before the Christmas Break and some diary dates are included below.

On a personal note I would like to take this opportunity to inform all pupils and parents that I have given notice of my intention to retire from my post as Head Teacher on 3 May 2016. By then I will have reached the age of 61 and will have completed almost 10 years as Head Teacher at Grantown Grammar School. I now need to spend more quality time with my family. I feel that next May is the right time for me to step down from my post to allow a new Head Teacher to lead the school into session 2016-17 and beyond. I have loved my time at Grantown Grammar School and will continue to support the school in any way I can in the future. I may also start to wind down prior to that time, if appropriate arrangements can be made.

Business Engagement Event - Wednesday 28 October

We are hosting a Business Engagement Event between 5.00pm and 7.00pm on Wednesday 28 October to thank existing Business Partners and encourage new partnerships. We are aware our mailing list may not be complete so have posted the information about this event on our website. If you would like to join us for this event please get in touch with Ruairidh Ross, Depute Head Teacher at ruairidh.ross@highland.gov.uk

S2 Song Competition - Friday 30 October

On Friday 30 October the annual S2 Song Competition will be held in the school hall. All S2 pupils have been involved in writing their own original songs and they will perform them on stage using microphones, amplifiers and stage lighting. The songs will be judged by S3 music pupils. The event begins at 11.45am and will be finished by 1.15pm. All parents of S2 pupils are welcome to come and watch. This is a great event and a real highlight of the school year.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Newsletter

I continue to be impressed by the hard work and commitment of our pupils involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and wish to thank all the staff who give up their time to make this possible. A copy of a newsletter giving information about the current DoE groups is attached.

Parent Council Event - Tuesday 3 November

The next Parent Forum and AGM will take place on Tuesday 3 November at 7.00pm at the school. A more detailed agenda and draft constitution will be issued by the Parent Council nearer to the meeting.

Prior to this meeting my Deputes and I will be hosting an informal discussion session - '**Find out everything you have always wanted to know about the school, but never asked.**' We will give brief responses to a wide range of questions. Refreshments, including Elaine's delicious home baking, will be served afterwards, prior to the Parent Forum meeting. If you have a question you would like discussed please hand it into reception at school in an envelope marked 'Questions' or post it on the Parent Council website grantowngrammarpc@gmail.com

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Parent Council Event - Tuesday 3 November (continued)

The Parent Forum meeting following on will:

- consider the proposal to seek funding for the development of the Janitor's House. Because of the consequences of seeking funding there will be a Constitution for the Parent Forum tabled for adoption.
- ask for approval to confirm members of the Parent Council.
- be reporting on what the Parent Council has done in the past year.
- be tabling its accounts and an Accounts Examiner will be appointed
- seek authorisation for a lucky numbers scheme to be run by the Parent Forum, with funds held by the Parent Council for the present.
- Bank account signatories and a verifier for the accounts for the Parent Forum will be appointed.

This being a Parent Forum meeting rather than a Parent Council meeting all parents have an equal say and all are welcome.

We hope to see lots of parents at both the 'Questions Session' and also the meeting afterwards.

I urge you to come along and show support for those parents who work so hard on your behalf.

Mrs Irene Carson
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

Week beginning

26/10/2015			Business Engagement Event		S2 Song Competition
02/11/2015		Parent Council Event	Halloween Disco		
09/11/2015			S4 Parents' Night		
16/11/2015					
23/11/2015		S5/6 Parents' Night			
30/11/2015		Careers Fair		S1 Parents' Night	
07/12/2015	Xmas Dance for S1-S3				Prom for S4-S6
14/12/2015	Rehearsals all day	Show	Show	Show	
21/12/2015	Music Concert		Holiday	Holiday	Holiday