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## PARENTS' NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2015



As we draw near to the end of term I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please note that when we return on Thursday 7 January 2016 I will be working part-time as a 0.5 wind down to retirement.

The arrangements for my time in school will be variable, depending on the needs of the school. Mrs McGonigal will be Acting Head Teacher and should be the first person you contact for serious matters that would normally come to the Head Teacher. Mr Magowan will be Acting Depute Head Teacher and will have year group responsibility for S3/S5. Mrs McGonigal and Mr Ross will continue with responsibility for S1/S6 and S2/S4 respectfully. Mr Wilson will be joining the PE department as Acting Principal Teacher of PE. My role will mainly be focussed on resource management and planning the curriculum and options for next session, taking account of the serious implications of the, as yet, uncertain budget cuts. I will retire fully at the end of April.

### **Adverse Weather**

You should all have received advice about arrangements in the event of adverse weather. There is an expectation that should the school be closed for an extended period that learning should continue. Pupils will be advised by teachers of the expectations in the event of the school being closed for longer than a single day. Such expectations will be dependent on the subject and may include such things as working on Google Classroom, Glow or other specified websites and/or doing revision of classwork using jotters and text books.

Pupils taking music at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher can be practising their pieces for their performance exam.

In the event of extended closures, the school website will be used to provide additional specific information.

Further to the information you have already received we have been advised by Highland Council that information regards school closures will also be updated on their Facebook and Twitter pages:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/highlandcouncil>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/HighlandCouncil>

### **Last Day of Term**

School will finish at 1.15pm on Tuesday, 22 December and buses will leave school as per the Friday timetable.

### **Languages Business Brunch Opportunity**

SCILT have organised a Business Brunch for pupils on 26 January who are learning languages. We may be able to get up to 15 places for senior pupils. The event will provide learners with the opportunity to hear from a wide range of dynamic business leaders who view language skills as key to the growth of the success of their organisations and why they compete successfully in a globalised market. Most importantly, it will give young people the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the variety of careers and employment opportunities that are open to people who can demonstrate language skills on their CV.

It will take place in the Kingsmills Hotel in Inverness and pupils will be charged £5 to go towards the transport costs. Information letters will be given to interested pupils at the end of this week with a short deadline for returns as places may be limited.

For any additional information please contact Mrs Mackintosh in the Languages Department.

### **Carols by Candlelight - Wednesday 9 December, Inverallan Church, 7.00pm**

A community event at which choirs from the two Grantown schools will be performing, plus Belle Voce, Grantown's Community Choir. A wonderful night of singing followed by mulled wine and mince pies. There is not an entry charge for this event but a collection will be made at the end.

### **'Sunshine on Leith' Show - Tuesday 15-Thursday 17 December, School Hall 7.30pm**

"We're on our way": 'Sunshine on Leith' tickets are now on sale! The actors, dancers, band and crew are putting the final touches together for performances on Tuesday 15-Thursday 17 December. Shows start at 7.30pm with doors open at 7.15pm. Tickets are available from the school office, £6 for adults and £4 for concessions. Come and meet the Henshaw family and sing along to all your favourites from 'The Proclaimers'!

### **School Music Concert - Monday 21 December, School Hall 7.30pm**

A great evening to show case the department and all its talented musicians. Tickets will be available at the school office from Monday 14 December and will also be available at the door on the evening of the concert, £5 for Adults and £3 for concessions.

### **Army Cadets**

Enclosed is a letter from some of our pupils who are involved in the Highlanders Army Cadet Force, Inverness Company giving information about their Aviemore Platoon. They meet weekly, in Aviemore, on a Tuesday evening from 7.30-9.30pm and they are keen to attract more members.

### **End of Term Dates**

Wednesday 9 December 2015 (Inverallan Church)	Carols by Candlelight
Friday 11 December 2015	S4-S6 Christmas Prom
Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17 December 2015	'Sunshine on Leith' Show
Monday 21 December 2015	Music Concert
Tuesday 22 December 2015	End of term - school closes at 1.15pm
Thursday 7 January 2016	Start of new term