



## All Saints' RC Secondary School

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**Head Teacher**  
Mr Brian McDermott

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and yours are well. **Tomorrow at 1pm** marks the end of another busy and successful school year in All Saints' RC Secondary. I am writing to update you on some areas of school business to both round off this session and to help with preparations for the new session, which starts (for pupils) on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 8:50am**.

### **Vision, Values and Public Promise**

As I mentioned in my letter in May, we have been working on and have now completed the ideas-gathering and discussion part of our consultation around our new Vision, Values & Public Promise. I can't thank you enough for your engagement in this process. We will be launching these early in the new term and I will write to you again to update you in due course.

### **Return to School, SQA Results, Options Choices**

The SQA will publish exam results on **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> of August**. The vast majority of young people will receive these by text message or via their MySQA App around 8am on that day, with the Royal Mail delivering traditional envelopes later that day.

There will be opportunities around this time for young people to come into school to discuss their results, seek advice, and discuss any changes to their options for next session, should this be required.

As usual, we will write to you again in early August with the specific arrangements for this and to give the details for the first days back for **all pupils** on the 16<sup>th</sup> August.

## **Staffing**

There are a number of staff moving on from All Saints' at the end of this term as part of the normal staffing cycle. Additionally, the following staff are retiring at the end of term, after many years of excellent service to our school and to the young people of Glasgow:

Mrs Irene Russell – Teacher of Biology  
Mr John Houston – Depute Head Teacher  
Mrs Jean Thom – Pupil Support Assistant  
Mr Alec Thom – Teacher of Physical Education

We wish them every success and happiness in their retirement and we thank them for their excellent service.

### **Acting Depute Headteachers x 2**

As you are aware, Mrs Pamela Bell was appointed as a permanent Depute Head Teacher earlier on in this term. Mrs Bell is filling the permanent vacancy arising from Mr Houston's retirement. This change required that we recruit a new Acting Depute Headteacher to cover for Ms Hewitt's secondment (the post Mrs Bell was filling). Additionally, Mrs Bell is due to commence Maternity Leave early in the new session; as such, I have now recruited 2 x new Acting Depute Headteachers, as follows:

Mrs Nicola Darroch – who will take up post from the beginning of the new term in August.  
Mrs Nicola Carruthers – who will replace Mrs Bell when she goes off on Maternity Leave.

For your information, the **year group teams** for next session will be as follows:

**S1: Year Head – Mrs Darroch / Pupil Support – Mrs Henry**

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**S2: Year Head – Mrs Darroch / Pupil Support – Ms Brady**

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**S3: Year Head – Mr Gallagher / Pupil Support – Mrs Lamont**

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**S4: Year Head – Mrs Bell / Pupil Support – Mrs Franceschi (Mrs Carruthers will become year head from around September 2023, tbc).**

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**S5: Year Head – Mr Shannon. Pupil Support – Ms Marlin**

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**S6: Year Head – Mr Shannon. Pupil Support – Mrs Henry**

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Please don't hesitate to contact the Pupil Support Teacher or Year Head as listed above should you have any queries or wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning or wellbeing. We are always happy to help and we always welcome dialogue about our young people. There is no need to wait for formal reporting periods or parents' evenings – you can make contact any time.

**All Saints' Uniform**

Many thanks to you all for your continued support of our school's uniform policy. The young people look so smart and this impacts really positively on the ethos of the school.

Please remember – despite what your child may report to the contrary – that blazers *are* an expected part of our uniform; the *majority* of young people do wear these each and every day (sometimes following encouragement to remove them from their schoolbags); please remember also that all black shoes/trainers are part of the uniform and that Converse (or equivalent) are not; and branded jumpers/hoodies and leggings are not part of our school uniform.

If there are any issues or you need support with any items of uniform, please get in touch – we are happy to help.

Your support with this makes such a difference. We can't thank you enough.

**BGE Awards Ceremony**

Last night we celebrated the many, many successes of our BGE (S1, S2 and S3) young people across the past school year. There were a huge number of young people from across these three year groups nominated for their outstanding attainment, achievement and personal growth. This was a very well-attended event and it was absolutely magnificent to see such a large number of young people receiving awards.

We are all very proud of them.

**Getting Involved**

We would encourage you to speak to your child about their learning, their wellbeing and their experiences in school as often as you can.

Over the coming school year, all your child's teachers will be actively seeking out opportunities to involve you in their learning as part of our Parental Engagement Strategy and our work on

curriculum development; this might involve some web links to look at, video clips to peruse, home learning tasks you can do with your child and/or a simple discussion about what they have been learning.

We also hope to be able to build on the success of the family learning classes we have piloted this year. More to follow on this in the new term.

If you would like to get involved more formally in the life of our school by getting involved in our Parent Council, please email Mrs Darroch – Parental Engagement lead – using the email details above. We would encourage as many parents as possible to get involved in this way. Our current Parent Council Chair will be moving on at the end of this session as his children have now left school. As such, now is a really good time to come along and get involved as we anticipate a number of new parents doing the same. Please give this some thought – you'd be very welcome.

If you want to find out more, please ask. We'll be more than happy to help and to answer any questions you may have.

This has been another very busy, successful and enjoyable school year and a brilliant final term. I want to thank you for your continued support as our school goes from strength to strength. I wish you all a lovely summer and I very much look forward to working with you again from August.

As mentioned above, I will write to you again before the new school terms starts with the details for post-exam results, options choices and day one information for all the pupils before they start back on the 16<sup>th</sup> August.

Until then, please take care and have a lovely break.

Kind regards

Brian McDermott  
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