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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of a very busy first year full of so many highlights, I am writing to update you on our recent successes and ensure that you are aware of arrangements for next session.

SQA Examinations: Our first SQA examinations diet ran very smoothly and exam results will be issued on Tuesday 6th August 2019.

Transition Programmes: In May we also welcomed over 240 primary 6 pupils from our primary school group who took part in a team building session hosted by our S3 Leadership Academy group. These sessions were a huge success and thanks must go to our S3 pupils who planned and delivered them.

School of Basketball and Football: Our pupils from our School of Basketball travelled to Edinburgh to take part in the National Festival, a fantastic day which was enjoyed by all. Our School of Football Girls Group travelled to Hampden to attend the Scotland v Jamaica game as guests of the SFA.

Young Musician of the Year & Summer Festival: This term has also been a busy one for our Faculty of Creative and Expressive Arts who hosted our Young Musician of the Year evening followed, a week later, by our first Summer Festival which was another opportunity for all young people to show off their amazing talents.

Sports Day: On the 20th June our Sports Day took place and was a busy and very successful day with so many young people taking part in finals during the day. We look forward to presenting young people with their medals at an Achievement Assembly at the end of this term.

Partnerships: We were delighted to sign a Developing Young Workforce influencing partnerships with I-Tech 7. During this year we have been working with a number of local to give pupils opportunities to experience and understand the world of work both in and out of the school environment and create career pathways for young people.

Annual Awards Ceremony: On Tuesday 25th June our inaugural Awards Ceremony took place at the Music Hall with over 300 pupils receiving awards. The evening was an amazing success and was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. A huge thank you must go to our organising committee for all their work pulling this evening together.

Pupil Toilets: Following on from a pupil survey undertaken earlier in the year when 90% of pupils voted in favour of single sex toilets, Aberdeen City Council have agreed that from the start of next term we will have single sex toilets on the ground, first and second floor. Uni-sex toilets will still be available throughout the school.

Staffing

This term we say thank you and goodbye to Mrs O'Donoghue (Humanities), Mr Bennis (D&T), Miss Coventry (Physics), Mr Raghoobur (English) and Mr Hume (Computing Studies).

We are delighted to welcome three probationary teachers who are joining us in August. Miss McCann (English), Mr Ulkpa (Geography) and Miss Ritchie (Home Economics). Also joining us in August are Miss McLeod (History), Mr Turnbull (English/History), Miss Atkinson (English) and Ms Protasio Esparo (Physics).

Key Dates for next term

Monday 19 th August	In Service Day
Tuesday 20 th August	In Service Day
Wednesday 21 st August	Start of Term for Pupils
Wednesday 4 th September	S1 PT Guidance Parents Engagement Evening
w/c 16 th September	S4/5/6 Tracking Reports 1 issued
Friday 20 th September	Holiday
Monday 23 rd September	Holiday
w/c 24 th September	S3 Tracking Reports 1 issued
w/c 30 th September	S2 Tracking Reports 1 issued
Friday 11 th October	Last day of term

Communication using email

Currently our main method of communication with parent/carers is by text message. To reduce costs, we are looking to contact parents/carers by email. Please can you ensure that the school has an up to date email address for communicating direct with you. Any updates can be sent to LochsideAcademy@aberdeencity.gov.uk. We will continue to use text messages to contact parent/carers for any urgent matters. Thank you for your support in trying to help reduce costs.

Uniform

S1-S3 :

- **NO** leggings
- Any footwear
- A black skirt* or black trousers
- A white polo shirt with or without school badge or a white formal shirt.
- A black school sweatshirt with the school badge or/and a black school blazer (the blazer is optional for S1-S3)
- A school tie is optional for S1-S3

S4-S6 :

- **NO** leggings
- Any footwear
- A black skirt* or black trousers
- A white polo shirt with or without school badge or a white or black formal shirt.
- A black blazer with badge
- A school tie
- A black school sweatshirt, plain black v neck jumper or plain black cardigan can be worn under the blazer.

* Skirts should be a reasonable length as excessively short skirts are unsuitable for a school setting.

School bag: All pupils are expected to have a school bag with them at all times.

During the school holidays the office will be open from 8.30am to 3.00pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 9th July

Thursday 11th July

Friday 12th July

Monday 12th August – Friday 16th August

Badges and school ties will also be available from the school reception during these times.

Finally, can I thank you all for your continued support during our first year and we wish you all a relaxing summer break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready to learn on Wednesday 21st August 2019.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Hendry', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

N Hendry
Head Teacher

