



Gairloch High School

Date 29 August 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

After an all too brief visit last week, I have now started work on a full-time basis at the High School, until such times as a permanent Head Teacher is appointed. I am sure you are aware that the vacancy has been advertised both on the *myjobscotland* website and with the Times Educational Supplement, with a closing date of 6th September. Whilst I am in school, my priority is to continue support the great work of both the staff and students of Gairloch High, ensuring our students strive to achieve their best, whether in academic studies, extra-curricular activities or within the community. I look forward to working with the students and parents this session – I will also hold evening drop-in sessions on the following Tuesdays between 5pm – 7pm: 4th September, 18th September & 2nd October. Please remember that you can get in touch with the school through e-mail and telephone if you have any concerns.

We are pleased to announce that Ms Helen Murton has been appointed as Acting Principal Teacher of Pupil Support, until the end of session. If you have any pastoral concerns please contact her in the first instance.

The School Photographer is coming to the school again on Wednesday 26th September. Individual Photographs for S1-6, together with sibling's photographs will be taken on that date.

School attendance is vital to ensure that students are successful in their learning. Could I ask that parents or carers please telephone or email the school in the morning of an absence if your child is unable to attend for any reason. I am hoping to roll-out the school text messaging system for S5/6 over the next week, which will alert parents/carers if their child is absent from school and we have not been notified.

Finally, I would like to invite all parents to join in with our Parent Council. The first meeting this session is on Tuesday 4th September at 7:15pm in the library. We have a very active Parent Council, the main aim of which is to improve communication between parents/carers and the school and to support the school by fundraising. Please get involved!

Yours faithfully

Mr A Breen
Acting Head Teacher