



3rd July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have arrived at the Summer holidays. The new timetable has started, with everyone getting used to the new structure, pupils settling into new classes, new teachers in some cases and chosen subjects for many. We wish every pupil success in the year ahead and want to work closely with you, the parent / carer body to support them in achieving the best they can. Buses should be running to the new times from August (confirmed by the council yesterday), and I offer my thanks for your patience with the challenges this month.

Staffing Update

Our previous School Support Manager, Rose-ann Jarvis, has taken up post working for the authority and her successor, Janice Rae has begun her post as our new SSM. We wish Rose-ann well in her new role and welcome Janice (promoted from Office Manager). Other changes:

- Our Colleagues have completed their Probation year here and move on to new posts – Miss Sweeney in Business Studies and Mr Lees in Modern Studies. Our thanks and best wishes to you
- Mr Warner has multi-tasked for us in all sorts of ways and is moving to a new post in August. Our thanks for all his work with us and best wishes for the new post
- Two fantastic Learning Assistants move on from us in August, Mrs Kirsty Depledge and Mrs Tracy Whiteside. Many of our pupils have benefitted enormously from their skill and care. They leave us with our sincere thanks and best wishes
- Mrs Nunes, Miss Haley and Miss Chan have supported us in the BGE this year. We wish them well in their future career paths
- Our thanks go to Mr Drummond and Mr Wilson who have supported us in Technical, while we await our new member of staff joining us in August.

Inspection

We expect HMIe in Term 1 after the summer. I have no information to confirm this, it is just my expectation. We are working towards preparations as you would expect and aim for a positive outcome.

SQA Results

Our thoughts and best wishes go to all our families where pupils await SQA results. We have seen pupils and staff work very hard in preparation for these – we are optimistic as a school. We know too, how much support and help goes on at home, so our thanks to you too in advance of these. Post-results day for us will be in school on Wednesday 6th August 10-12. Anyone wanting/needing to discuss their results or change of options as a consequence can come in to see us then

Pupil Leadership – Senior Roles

I am delighted to share with you the outcome of our leadership processes this year. We have found all participants to be very well-prepared and to have given a great deal of thought to their interviews. Congratulations to all involved:



School Captains	Johnathan Brandt & Amelia Cameron	
Vice School Captains	James Johnston & Iona Yule	
House	House Captains	Deputy House Captains
Annan	Duncan Kingsley	Niamh Cook
	Finley Richardson	
Dryfe	Connie Black	Malcolm Courault
	Evie Robson	Stevie King
		Nothando Phiri
Kirtle	Zoe Patterson	Anna Adkins
	Grace Key	Ruairi Glendinning
Milk	Hope Williams	Orlagh Smith
	Ailay Carruthers	Caitlin Beck

Our Junior School Leaders

- **Junior School Captain** - Katie Copland
- **Junior School Vice Captains** - Ewan Hay and Flora Cameron
- **Annan House Captains** - Sophie Laws & Eilidh Hill
- **Annan House Vice Captains** - Chloe Hyslop & Aurea Bulmer
- **Milk House Captains** - Erica Lane and Alistair McKay
- **Milk House Vice Captain** - Colt Gregory
- **Kirtle House Captains** - Lexie Jackson and Saoirse Warbeck
- **Dryfe House Captains** - Max Clark and Seth Byers

New York / Syracuse Trip

As most of you will be aware, Syracuse University is sponsoring 10 pupils and two staff to visit New York and Syracuse University in the October holidays this year. As with the leadership process, all candidates (26 of them) worked extremely hard on their applications and we enjoyed 18 very high calibre interviews. Following this rigorous selection process, I am delighted to share with you our successful candidates who will represent the school in Syracuse during their Remembrance Week:

Ella Howatson
Lilian Ong
Ailay Carruthers
Jonathan Brandt
Iona Yule
Yvie Stewart
Grace Key
Amelia Cameron
Ravi Sandhu
James Johnson

Upcoming School Events

Thursday 3 rd of July	Last day of term
Tuesday 5 th August	SQA Results day
Wednesday 6 th August	10.00am – 12.00 noon. Results consultation in school (if you wish to discuss results and next steps)
Tuesday 19 th August Wednesday 20 th August	INSET Days – Teachers only
Thursday 21 st August	First Pupil Day back at school

New Term in August

Back to School thoughts are a long way off! However I know thoughts will turn to that at various points throughout the summer for everyone. Buying uniform was never my favourite activity, but it was a bit easier with clear guidance. Lockerbie Academy Uniform Policy has been updated, based on consultation conducted recently. Please look on our website. For any queries or support, please get in touch:

https://www.lockerbieacademy.dumgal.sch.uk/about_us/school_policies_and_handbooks/uniform.html

I wish everyone a healthy, happy summer when the time comes. To borrow a phrase from the recent Gala and Riding of the Marches, safe out, safe in and we'll see you in August.

Yours faithfully,



Brian Asher
Headteacher

As always, we welcome your feedback. If you have a complaint, a compliment or even just a comment for us to consider, please use the form available here:

<https://bit.ly/3utZTVk>