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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of this incredibly busy and challenging session, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your unwavering support of our school. Our partnership with you, our pupils' families, is highly valued and we are so grateful for your excellent input. It is a pleasure to serve our community.

Please see below several updates that I would like to share with you as we reach the end of Session 2020-21:

Broad General Education Award Winners

A heartfelt congratulations to our BGE Award Winners who have embodied our school vision throughout the session. Certificates were issued by post this session to recipients of Achievement and Endeavour Awards. However, we remain hopeful that we will be able to resume our more formal Awards Celebration next session should restrictions ease. I feel strongly that all our young people have achieved success in many ways this session and I would like to convey that we are extremely proud of our marvellous pupils whether they received a formal award or not.

SQA Alternative Certification Model

As we conclude the alternative certification model for our Senior Phase pupils, I would like to congratulate pupils on their success at the end of what has been a very challenging process for all. Well done to all of them on their well-earned provisional results.

P7 Transitions

Several key events have taken place to ensure the smooth transition of our new S1 pupils for August. As this is our largest intake ever, with a full S1 cohort, we have worked very hard to ensure that our new pupils feel welcomed to our school. I would like to acknowledge our cluster primary schools for their excellent work in supporting us to make the transition to Kirkintilloch High School as seamless as possible within these challenging circumstances.

S6 Leavers

Our S6 cohort has been an exemplary year group and we wish them well as they move on to incredibly bright futures. Our Formal Reception will take place in school on Thursday afternoon to send them proudly on their way with our very best wishes.

Staffing Changes

A number of valued colleagues are departing to take up new posts in August. This includes Mr Chris Derrick, Depute Head Teacher, Miss Lesley Eadie, Principal Teacher of Blended Learning and Miss Sarah McKay, Teacher of Psychology and Modern Studies.

In addition, we send our best wishes to our probationer and supply teachers as they move on to new posts. Our colleagues leave with our sincere thanks and very best wishes for the future!

Uniform

Our school uniform policy is designed to provide value for money to parents whilst presenting a smart, professional identity within our community. We strive to avoid designer labels and provide options which are easily accessible and reasonably priced in supermarkets and high street stores. We would greatly value your support as parents in upholding our high standards of uniform when schools return in August. Our uniform consists of the following:

- Plain black shoes (not Converse baseball boots/trainers or multi-coloured trainers)
- Black smart trousers or skirt (not denims or leggings)
- A plain white school shirt and school tie.
- A plain black sweater - no logo, or a Kirkintilloch High School hoodie.
- A school blazer or school softshell jacket.

I appreciate that lockdown presented many financial challenges and as such, we were more relaxed with our policy when our young people returned as we did not wish to place additional stress on families. However, in August we would be very grateful for a return to full school uniform, as agreed in our policy. For families who are eligible for free school meals and clothing grants, please see links

below: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/grants/school-clothing-grant> and <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals>.

Covid-19 Lateral Flow Tests

These are available for collection from our school office. I would ask that pupils take these again prior to our return to school in August. Information has been issued to our cluster primary schools to support our new S1 pupils with accessing these kits.

End of Term Arrangements

Our last day of term is this Thursday, 24th June 2021. This is a non-uniform day for pupils, to mark the end of this busy term. Our school day will end at 1pm, with lunch commencing at 12.10PM. Pupils who choose to go home for lunch do not need to return to school at 1pm to be dismissed. Buses to Twechar and Milton of Campsie will leave school at 1pm. Our S6 Formal Reception will take place from 2pm to 5pm, after our younger pupils have departed.

Following Summer break, pupils will return to school at 8:50am on Thursday, 12th August. Further information about school day timings and new staff will be issued to families beforehand.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Summer Break.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Maureen Daniel' in a cursive script.

Maureen Daniel,
Head Teacher