

Kirkintilloch High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we rapidly approach the end of another busy and successful year here at Kirkintilloch High School, I wanted to share some important updates with you as parents and carers of our wonderful young people.

Thank You

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our school throughout the session. From ensuring that your child attends on time and well presented for the school day, to supporting our various events and activities such as engaging with our school shows, family learning events and other important occasions. Thank you for keeping in touch with us to ensure that we get our support right for your children, and our gratitude to those of you who have been involved in our Parent Council and focus groups. We are incredibly appreciative of our parent body, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for working alongside our school so very well.

End of Term Trips

One of the key messages that came through from both our Pupil Voice and Parent Council was a desire from pupils for fun school trips at the end of term. Our pupils tell us that they have really enjoyed the many curricular outings that staff have organised for them to learn in a real-life context. However, they felt incredibly keen to engage in extra-curricular trips for fun to mark the end of term. Thanks to a fantastic team of staff, our young people will enjoy the following extra-curricular trips:

- New S5/S6 - Blackpool Pleasure Beach - Thursday, 11th June 2026.
- New S2/S3 - M & Ds (Scotland's Theme Park) - Wednesday, 17th June 2026.
- New S4 and new S3 overspill - M & Ds (Scotland's Theme Park) - Thursday, 18th June 2026. (To allow us to accommodate all S3 pupils on the trip).

We look forward to hearing what a wonderful time they all have on their end of term excursions!

S6 Leavers' Celebrations

Our S6 pupils enjoyed two superb leavers' celebrations with a fun packed leavers' day in school before Easter and a magnificent Prom in the Crowwood Golf Club last Thursday night. Dressed to impress, our beautiful youngsters danced the night away and celebrated their time at our school joyfully. All of them are heading off to splendid opportunities as they embark upon the next stage of their careers. To say that we are proud of them would be an understatement - they have been a delight to work with. Please see links to photographs of their celebrations on the News Section of our school website: [Latest News Updates - Kirkintilloch High](#)

P7 Transition

As we bid one year group goodbye, we warmly welcome our new S1 cohort for next year in the form of their Primary 7 Transition Days. These take place this Thursday and Friday with a P7 Parents' Information Evening and Uniform Event this Thursday evening at 6pm. Thus far, our Primary 7s have participated in their Team Building Day and Sports Events and have coped fantastically well in the 'big school'. We look forward to welcoming them into our Kirky High Family over the coming days and years ahead.

Staffing Updates

We have had a number of changes to our team of staff this year, with significant appointments as follows:

- Due to Miss Izzy Horning leaving, we have recruited Mr Kieran Hunter to the post of Principal Teacher of Music. Mr Hunter has started and is already making his musical mark on the department!
- To replace Mrs Alanna Brown who was successful in securing the post of Depute Head Teacher for Napier House, we have confirmed Mr Gerard Brown as Principal Teacher of Social Subjects for History, Modern Studies and RMPS.
- Mr Steven McAteer has been appointed to 0.2 FTE Guidance for Napier House when Mrs Ruth Docherty returns from her maternity leave in August and Mrs Kirsty Sichi will take up the 0.2FTE Principal Teacher of Guidance post for Peel House when Mr Trevor Joice retires in August.
- We welcome Mr Max Queen to our English Department as Teacher of English, commencing August.
- A heartfelt thank you to our Provisionally Registered Teachers who were with us last year as they go on to take up new posts in August. We wish Miss Leanne Todd, Mr Piotr Gacmenga and Mr Alex Gardie every good wish with their careers moving forward.
- Finally, we bid a fond farewell to some well-respected staff who have been with us for a number of years. We wish Mr. Trevor Joice a long and happy

retirement, and congratulate him heartily as he departs Kirkintilloch High School to enjoy time with his family. We also bid farewell to our wonderful SDS Careers Adviser, Shona Deans and our excellent School Counsellor, Fiona Guthrie. We wish all of them well with the next chapter in their lives and careers and thank them for their excellent service to our school.

News Updates

As you will be aware, we have previously shared our news with you via social media and our bi-annual newsletter. In order to improve our communication with you and ensure that information reaches you timeously, we are now posting all news updates directly on to our website at [Latest News Updates - Kirkintilloch High](#) This will now replace our newsletter and we will share reminders with you at times of pertinent updates. Please check our website regularly to see the wonderful achievements of our young people and staff!

Parent Bulletin

In addition to our news updates, we have started to share our weekly updates with you through a Parent Bulletin. In school, pupils and staff have their own bulletins so we thought it would be helpful to keep in touch regularly with our families. Please see the direct link to the Parent Bulletins here: [Parent Bulletin - Kirkintilloch High](#)

Uniform

Thank you to all of you for your continued support of our school uniform, policy and for ensuring that your young person arrives at school smartly dressed in our agreed uniform and representing our school community. We really appreciate how well our pupils are presented and the sense of belonging and school identity that this promotes. Our uniform evening takes place this Thursday evening in the school at 5pm, in advance of our Primary 7 transition Evening. As a school, we are keen to encourage and support these high standards of uniform to continue and can point you to a range of information to assist with this.

Please click here for details of our current uniform policy and a specific link to universal supports for parents from our school: [Uniforms - Kirkintilloch High](#) In addition, for families who may be eligible, please see the link here to clothing grants and free school meals via the East Dunbartonshire Council website, which accepts applications from 22nd June 2026: [School clothing grant and free meals application - East Dunbartonshire Council](#)

Watch this space for some exciting new additions to our uniform which will be communicated to you shortly!

Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award

I am delighted to inform you that we have recently achieved Silver Status for the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award and we are now working hard to achieve the Gold Award. Further details will be published in our news updates shortly but this is a super achievement for all of the pupils and staff involved in this work.

Qualifications Scotland Exam Results

Results day for our Senior Phase Examinees this year is Tuesday 4th August 2026. All of our young people have worked exceptionally hard and we look forward to celebrating positive results with them. If any results for our returning young people are not quite as they expected and a discussion is needed about their course choice for the coming year, please fill in the following form. We are committed to coursing young people into courses that will provide them with the best possible chance of success, and the maximum attainment possible. <https://forms.office.com/e/e7QqhKhdwD> In addition, members of the Senior Management Team will be available to take your call on the afternoon of 4th August should you have any queries.

Last Day of Term Arrangements

We close for the Summer Break at 1pm on Thursday, 25th June. Lunch will begin early at 12:20pm and for pupils who are going home for lunch, there is no need to return to school. The last day of term will be a non uniform day for pupils and we politely ask that a small donation (£1 recommended) be made for our school fund so that we can continue to provide opportunities for our young people throughout the year ahead. A free tuck shop will be provided for all pupils in the morning of the last day of school.

Return from Summer Break

Pupil return to school after the summer Holiday on Monday, 17th August 2026 at 8:55am sharp where they will be given a warm welcome back into their new session. Our new S1 pupils should report directly to our assembly hall where they will be looked after very well on their first day at school. School photographs will take place on Friday, 21st August 2026 - details will follow separately. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Summer Break and we look forward to welcoming your child/ren back in August.

Yours faithfully,



Maureen Daniel
Head Teacher