



Newsletter



21 August 2018

Hello,

Today we welcomed your child into session 2018-19 and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all parents of pupils in S1 into the Culloden Academy community.

This session we will continue to make our daily notices and other information and reminders available on our website (<http://cullodenacademy.com/>), whilst our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CullodenAcademySchool/>) or (relaunched this session) our Twitter account (**Culloden Academy@CullodenAcad**) offer regular updates about many school activities and the successes of our young people. A pro-active Guidance team and a Parent Council which is very welcoming to new members also offer you access to information to help you support your child's learning.

Key dates

The school calendar has been uploaded to the school website but for convenience, here are the key dates for the coming term:

- Monday 20th August - In-service day (staff only)
- Tuesday 21st August - Pupils start new term
- Monday 10th September - Parent Council AGM at 7pm
- Monday 17th September - In-service day (staff only)
- Tuesday 18th September - In-service day (staff only)
- Wednesday 19th September - Rector's Drop-in 4.30-6.30pm
- Wednesday 19th September - UCAS Information Evening
- Thursday 20th September - Sponsored Walk
- Wednesday 10th October - S4-6 interim reports issued
- Friday 12th October - School closes
- Monday 29th October - Start of new term

The Rector's drop in is a chance to come and see me for a chat about any aspect of your child's education which may be unclear- no appointments are necessary. Obviously you can make an appointment at other times but for some parents the informality has been helpful in getting the information to support their child.

The UCAS evening is an Information Evening for parents of pupils in S5 and S6 who are thinking of applying to University. We cover the application process, the support available in school, the financial aspects and there is a presentation from UHI which covers their specific campus but also some general advice to parents and pupils at this stage of their learning.

The Sponsored Walk is our main fundraising initiative of the year and the proceeds from it support costs of other trips and experiences that we offer to young people through the session. Detail on the route and sponsor forms will be issued to pupils very soon.

New staff

As always in a school of this size, there is a turnover of staff and so we are delighted to welcome the following staff:

Ms C Domene is joining our Modern Languages department

Ms F Jarnes is joining our Pupil Support department

Ms E Newbury is joining our Drama department. Ms Newbury is coming from Canada and should be joining us in the next few weeks.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Vance'.

Dr J Vance