



CULLODEN
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Hello,

And so the first term of the new school year has ended already and when we return it will be time to start talking about Christmas dances, Prelims and securing a place of employment or study for life after school. Please check the website and our Facebook page for regular updates. If you haven't yet seen it we can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/CullodenAcademySchool/>.

Below are the key dates for next term and some important information for parents/carers.

Key dates for your diary looking ahead

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| Monday 23 rd October | School opens |
| Wednesday 8 th November | Parent Council meeting 7.00pm |
| Monday 20 th November | Rector's drop in session, 5.00 – 7.00pm |
| Wednesday 29 th November | S1 Parents' evening |
| Thursday 7 th December | Christmas Concert |
| Friday 8 th December | S2 reports issued |
| Wednesday 13 th December | S2 parents' information evening |
| Thursday 14 th December | S3/4 Dance |
| Monday 18 th December | S1/2 Dance |
| Thursday 21 st December | S5/6 Dance |
| Friday 22 nd December | S4-6 reports issued |
| Friday 22 nd December | Last day of term |
| Monday 8 th January 2018 | School opens |

Lateness in the morning- help please

In June we changed the configuration of our school week in line with other Highland secondary schools. One aspect that parents need to be aware of is that the start of the school day has moved by 5 minutes to 8.40am, with a 2 minute warning bell at 8.38am. This is catching a number of families out and is resulting in some pupils being late for the morning registration or assembly and missing the important information given to all pupils at the start of the day. Please emphasise this new start time to your child. Punctuality is vital in order to get our pupils into classes on time and it is a critical employability skill. Also, references that we write make reference to punctuality and attendance.

Coming next term...

As Miss Lomas explains: "As members of our wider community I would like to ask for your help in a project. I am hoping to recreate a cascade of poppies in our social area, each poppy made by someone in our school and wider community to represent our support for the poppy appeal. If you are interested we would be looking for poppies of varying sizes, up to about A4, in different media i.e paper, card, knitted fabric etc. to add to the display. Any donated poppies should be left at reception or contact Miss Lomas for further details. Many thanks in advance of your support and encouragement. To give you an idea of the inspiration..."



Increased security in schools

All schools have been asked to review and tighten up their security procedures. One aspect of this for us is that no visitors will be allowed on site unless they have logged in at reception and are wearing a visitor's pass. With effect from 23rd October, therefore, anyone coming to the building needs to report to the main reception and will not be able to access the building until they have signed in- the internal reception doors will be locked during class time. Any adult in the building not displaying a Highland Council badge should expect to be challenged and re-directed back to reception by staff.

And finally...

Uniform/ Dress Code

Overwhelmingly our young people comply with our dress code and create a very positive impression in the local community. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and to reinforce the message that we would like to see all pupils in shirts and ties whilst the minimum we expect is something that has the school logo on it. Whilst hooded tops are the choice of many for getting to school, they are not part of dress code and pupils are expected to remove them inside the building.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Vance". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr J Vance