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Dear Parent/Carer,

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As we approach the end of term I wanted to write to update you on the changes to the structure of the management team, following Dr Vance's secondment.

I can confirm that Miss Forrester has been appointed as Acting Depute with responsibility for Pupil Support and Year Head to S3.

I can also confirm that Miss Scott-Woodhouse was successful in her application to be Acting Principal Teacher of Guidance for Leanach Gaels. We are currently working to backfill her position in Business Studies and will shortly be advertising for a new teacher. We are delighted that Mrs Robertson has increased her hours to full time, which gives continuity to many of our certificate classes and we also have secured a Business Studies specialist to cover classes in the meantime.

This term has been incredibly busy for all members of the Culloden community; our Poppy Pledge fundraising and Poppy Concert, various sporting highlights, the visit of Johnny Ball, the success of our Young Enterprise team, the Christmas Concert and Reverse Advent are all examples of the outstanding community spirit at Culloden Academy. We would simply not be able to do each term justice with a conventional newsletter and so I would urge everyone with internet access to look at the Culloden Academy School Facebook page and Twitter to get a flavour of how busy and vibrant the school is, both in and out of lessons. These can be found at www.facebook.com/cullodenacademyschool and www.twitter.com/cullodenacad

As we move into our final two weeks, we look forward to our school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 12 December, coupled with our Christmas jumper Day to raise money for WhoCares?Scotland. This will be followed by the S2 Parents' Information Evening on Wednesday and the school Christmas Dances which are as follows:

- S3/4 Thursday 13 December from 7.30 to 10pm
- S1/2 Monday 17 December from 7.30 to 10pm
- S5/6 Thursday 20 December from 7 to 10pm

Obviously with the potential for poor weather and dark nights we ask that pupils/parents make suitable arrangements for pupils to travel home safely after the dances and if you are picking your child up, can I please ask for your prompt arrival so that tired staff can also head home, many of whom have a long drive ahead of them.

As we move towards the new term we start the Prelim diet and also the round of option choices so it will be another very busy term. We will also be moving to a new bus contractor as Stagecoach take over the contract for school buses. We have been assured that this will be a smooth transition and we will be sending out a letter shortly from Highland Council detailing the changes. Once we know which social media platforms they will use to notify of severe weather, we will make this public.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support this term as I adjust to the new role and to wish everyone a festive and restful Christmas holiday. We look forward to seeing all pupils and staff in the New Year, feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T Lomas', written in a cursive style.

Ms T Lomas