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END OF SESSION LETTER

Please note that school closes for the summer holidays on Thursday 3rd July at 12.25 and reopens for pupils on Tuesday 19th August

Hello,

As we enter the final few days of the session, I wanted to highlight some key dates and details for you that will be relevant in August and beyond. I hope this is helpful.

Staffing

We will be joined by 9 new staff in August:

- Mr Baldie will join the PE department
- Mr Barbour will join the English department
- Mrs Hunter will join the Chemistry department
- Miss Clark will join the Physics department
- Mrs Mackenzie will join the Modern Languages department on 1st September
- Mrs McGonigal, as you know will take over as the permanent Head Teacher here
- Miss Munro-Main will join the Social subjects department
- Dr Uweaechia will join the Maths department replacing Miss Macleod who leaves us with all our thanks and best wishes for her new post.
- Miss Vance will join the PE department.

Key dates in August and September

- 18th August- Inservice days- school closed to pupils
- 19th August- School reopens to pupils
- 8th and 9th September- School Photos
- 15th and 16th September- Inservice days- school closed to pupils
- 17th September- Sponsored Walk (*provisional*)
- 7th October S4-6 Report issued
- 8th October S1 Parents' Evening

Uniform

There are two ways of purchasing school uniform. We have a wide selection of new and used items which can be viewed and purchased/taken during the last week of the holidays in the school. Everything except small and medium sweatshirts will be available to try and buy.

The second method is to visit the website of our new uniform supplier at <https://schoolwearmadeeasy.com/collections/culloden-academy-uniform> where you can select from the full range- including some new tops that we think will prove very popular.

Car Park

A polite reminder to all Parents that they should not come into the school carpark at the end of the day and instead park on Keppoch Road. This is essential to keep the school grounds safe for our young people, for the buses getting in and out swiftly and for staff and visitors being able to leave quickly when they require to do so. There are a few pupils who have a medical exemption to this- if you believe this should apply to your child then please contact your child's Guidance teacher to discuss. Thank you.

SQA Results 2025

SQA Results Day is Tuesday the 5th of August and we hope all our young people achieve the results they want. A free appeals service will once again be made available to all learners. The school will publish more information about how this service works around the 5th of August. In the meantime, all of the necessary information about Results Day 2025 can be found at this link: [Your Results booklet - SQA](#). A copy of this link has been shared on all senior Google classrooms.

Personal

I've decided for my final letter to abandon my usual Greek philosophers or historical figures and instead borrow the words of Frank Sinatra

And now, the end is near, and so I face the final curtain...

I still don't think it has fully sunk in that I am saying good-bye to the school and community I have worked for longer than anywhere else in my career. I can confidently say that the experience has transformed me- both personally and professionally and I have absolutely loved it. Thank you for the support, the dialogue, the challenge when it was needed- it is all much appreciated. I will take countless images, experiences and conversations with me and Culloden will always be dear to my heart.

I hope and trust Culloden Academy will continue to go from strength to strength under the direction of the new HT Mrs McGonigal who already seems to know a considerable number of our pupils through her Rugby training. I know she is excited to get in and get started and I believe she will quickly come to understand what a privilege it is to lead this school.

I head back over the Kessock Bridge for a new adventure- to lead the school whose community I have lived in for the last 15 years. I am excited about this opportunity but will watch Culloden's development keenly and continue to wish you all every success in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,



Dr James Vance
Head Teacher