



ASTLEY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I am writing to update you in respect of some significant staffing changes/appointments which have occurred over the last few months. Some of these changes will begin to impact before the end of term and others will be from September and beyond:

Student Progress Leaders

Due to our policy of the Student Progress Leaders passing on their year group at the end of the academic year, the SPL roles for each year group from September 2020 will be as follows:

Year 9 Miss F Gannon

Year 10 Mr L Carbutt

Year 11 Mr D Gilhooley

Year 12/13 Mrs N Gilhooley

New teaching appointments

Maths Teacher

In order to increase the teaching capacity in the Maths faculty, we have appointed Miss L Phillipson who joins us from St Thomas More High RC Academy. In addition, we have internally appointed Mrs B Thompson to the position of Maths Intervention Teacher, to support students in small groups and 1:1 tuition sessions. We hope that these appointments will lead to even greater improvements in student performance in Maths in the future.

Physics Teacher

We have also added to the teaching staff in the Science faculty (Physics), by the appointment of Mr P Suetterlin who will be a Newly Qualified Teacher. Mr Suetterlin has a wealth of experience at a global level in Physics and has completed 14 years as a researcher at Oxford University. I am sure he will be an excellent addition to the Science faculty, as he embarks on a new career in teaching.

French Teacher

Once again, to increase teaching capacity, we have appointed Mrs A Kelly to the position of French teacher. Mrs Kelly joins us from Jesmond Park Academy (previously Heaton Manor) and is a very experienced and dynamic teacher. She will be a welcome support for Mrs Stephenson, who has been the sole French teacher on site for a few years now. Mrs Kelly will work in both Astley and Whytrig

New support staff appointments

Mr A Henry who has been appointed to the position of Caretaker.

Mrs V Johnson is our new part-time librarian working with Mrs R Martin as a job share.

Welcome to them both.

Other Significant Changes

Mrs M-A Dowson left us in March to take up a promoted position as Business Manager at Monkseaton HS.

Mr P Hodge has moved to a promoted position as Site Manager at Atkinson House School.

We wish them well for the future and thank them for everything they have done during their time with us.

And finally, a new baby!

Congratulations to Miss R MacLauchlan and partner who are the proud parents of a baby boy born on 4 June.

For obvious reasons, there will be no specific end of term activities this year. However, it has been good to have years 10 and 12 back in school this week and we do plan to have short catch-up appointments for year 9 students on Friday 10 July and school tours for year 8 students w/c 13 July.

As for September, all we can say is that as Mr Barnes has said in his letters home, as soon as we have any plans, we will share them with parents and students. We hope to have something in writing before we finish for the Summer holidays on Friday 17 July.

If you would like to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Graham Scott
Head of School