



**Girvan Academy
Parent Council Meeting June 2022
Head Teacher Update**



1. Staffing/School Roll

- We will welcome four new probationer teachers next session in PE, English, Biology/Chemistry & Art
- Joanne Kean, PT Humanities, returned today following her maternity leave
- Kathleen McMeikan has been appointed PT HE and will start on her return from maternity leave in October. Lauren McWhirter will also join us in August as a teacher of HE
- Jodie Mackie will take up our Biology maternity post next session for Fiona Fowler
- Four Ukrainian pupils have started Girvan Academy in recent weeks

2. SQA Exams & Estimate Grades

The diet of SQA exams was successfully completed. Our estimated grades submitted for the key measures were:

5@3 88%
5@4 81%
5@5 37%
1@6 57%
3@6 23%
5@6 7%

3. School Refurbishment

Next phase of refurbishment – the plan to upgrade the old library to incorporate Business & Computing classrooms has been progressed and will go out to tender at the end of June. The new department will include two new IT rooms, two refurbished IT rooms, a new Cyber room, store cupboard and staff base. A new area for photocopying and storage of paper/stationery will also be created.

Upgrade to the sports pitch facility – the new pitch has been laid and fencing erected. A storage area and additional gate have still to be completed.

4. Parents' Evenings

We would like to return to parents' evenings in person next session to get parents/carers back in the building, build relationships and maximise parental engagement.

5. Uniform

With COVID restrictions relaxing, we would like to push the wearing of uniform in the new session. We are currently investigating a link with offxspringz to give the option of providing some items of clothing which may prove popular with some pupils.

6. Extra-curricular Activities

A range of activities have been organised as COVID restrictions have relaxed. These include:

- Arts Festival Dance Show
- S1-3 inflatables Day
- Blackpool Trip
- Highland Show Trip
- S1 Maths Puzzle Afternoon
- S1-3 Sponsored Walk

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6th June 2022