

**Marr College**  
**Parent Council Head Teacher Report**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**



Best wishes to all parents and carers for a happy and prosperous New Year.

The lead up to the Christmas Holiday was both eventful and enjoyable. Our Christmas Dances were a great success and very popular with over 600 pupils attending over the three evenings. An excellent Christmas Concert was held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December with many parents and friends of the school attending and S1, S2 and S6 pupils joined our Christmas Assembly the following day. The final event was our new Christmas rewards afternoon, marking the end of the 8-week positive behaviour challenge.

### **Students**

- The Barbarian Conference presentation has been rescheduled for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January to secure attendance from Glasgow Warriors players
- Fundraising - Well done to all pupils, staff and parents who have helped to raise the amazing sum of £8127 so far this session.
- S6 Captains and House Captains are taking forward projects within their Student Improvement Plan. One of the projects centres around developing a booklet for pupils on the many clubs and organisations within the local community.
- Pupils provided a significant number of donations for the local foodbank and also for the Night Before Christmas Campaign.
- National 5 prelim exams in English and Maths took place in December for S4 pupils. Feedback on holding both prelims before Christmas was positive. The full prelim diet takes place from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January.
- 44 S2 pupils recently enjoyed a ski trip to Pila, Italy. We look forward to hearing about their experience on our return to school.

### **Staff**

- Mr McClymont will join the PE department on 7<sup>th</sup> January on a temporary basis for the remainder of Mr McPike's secondment to Carrick Academy.
- A national advert for a Principal Teacher of Guidance will go out on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January with a planned interview date in mid-February.

### **Parent and Partner Engagement**

- Our recent Business Breakfast was a great success with an additional 5 new business partnerships established. All in attendance have agreed to participate in a pilot mentoring project and have committed to supporting our work experience programme.
- Parent/Carer and student tutorials in the use of Read and Write Gold to support literacy take place on January 17<sup>th</sup> (5pm and 6.30pm) and January 24<sup>th</sup>. Places can be booked via <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supporting-your-child-with-ict-read-write-11-tickets-52904163778> (1 ticket will admit 1 adult and 1 pupil. Password: Marrlearning). Downloads of the software will be available at the event. Please bring along a USB with 2GB of available memory.

## **School Improvement Plan (SIP)**

- Two departmental reviews took place in December for Maths and History/Modern Studies. Led by the Head Teacher and link DHT, representatives from the departments participated in classroom observation visits and provided feedback on strengths and areas for improvement. Both reviews were very positive and Principal Teachers will take forward areas for improvement within their departments.
- Funding has been agreed in principle for our new DYW projects, Cycle Maintenance and Rural Skills.
- A staff twilight evening on 28<sup>th</sup> January will focus on training in the new BGE reporting module.
- The February in-service day will focus on inclusive practices and Health and Wellbeing with staff sharing examples of good practice with colleagues.

## **Communication**

- Our December newsletter was emailed to all parents/carers and uploaded to the school website. Hard copies can be collected from the school office.

## **Upcoming Events**

- S4-S6 Prelims Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January
- S1 Parents' Evening Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January
- S2 Reports Issued Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Careers And Options Evening (new S3 –S6) Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

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