

June 2010

Dear Parent

The summer holidays are fast approaching and a school session, filled with activity, draws to a close; this session seems to have flown past. It has been a very busy and productive year for everyone, pupils and staff alike. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year here at KA, getting to know the girls and boys and meeting parents at the various events – sporting matches, Sports Days, camps, assemblies and concerts. All our pupils from the youngest in Junior Start to the oldest in Senior 6, have contributed to a very successful year at KA.

There are a number of items to which I would like to draw to your attention.

Minerva

The June edition of Minerva, varied and interesting as ever, will give you a flavour of this past term. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Uniform Lists

Please find enclosed your copy of the uniform lists for next session.

New Pupils Induction (S1 and above)

Induction Afternoon for new pupils joining S1 and above will take place on **Monday 23 August** from **2.00–3.45pm** (non uniform).

S5/S6 Induction

S5 and S6 pupils returning in August should report to school (non uniform) on **Monday 23 August at 2.00pm** to meet with Mr Fischbacher to make any adjustments to their timetables which may be required.

Start of Session Arrangements

The new session begins for everyone on **Tuesday 24 August**.

Staff News

We say goodbye to a number of staff; Mr Colin Dallas retired in April after 43 years dedicated service at Kelvinside Academy in various guises, Head of Maths, Timetabler, SQA Co-ordinator, Assistant Rector. Mrs Sandra Fulton retired as School Secretary after 10 years and her replacement, Mrs Lindsey Mathie, will join us over the summer break. We wish Colin and Sandra all the very best for the future. Miss Isabella Munro is leaving to get married and will move up to the north east where her own and her fiancé's family are from. Miss Laura-Jane Drennan, Classroom Assistant and Late Waiting, is leaving to embark on a PGDE at Jordanhill – her replacement is Mrs Catherine Campbell who will join us after the summer break. Miss Joanna Carswell has made a welcome return to school with Miss Jennifer Dawson leaving to take up a new post at St Georges, Edinburgh.

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Miss Esther Samson got married at Easter; she is now Mrs Henderson. Mrs Jennifer Shields gave birth to a daughter Eilidh during the Spring Term. Mr John Calder is standing in for Mrs Shields. Mr Nigel Calvert joins the MST Faculty in August. Both Miss Emma Laird and Miss Michaela Docherty are getting married this summer. Miss Laird will return in August as Mrs Laird-Jones and Miss Docherty will return as Mrs Prince. We wish them well for the future.

I am grateful to this session's Sixth Year for all that they have contributed to the school and our best wishes go to them and to our other leavers. I should also like to take this opportunity to thank all our teaching and support staff for their hard work throughout the session.

We greatly appreciate all your support, as parents, and hope that you and your family have a very happy summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

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