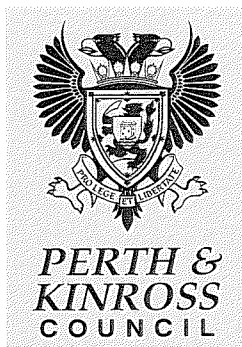


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Dear Parent/Carer

I write to introduce myself as the new headteacher of Breadalbane Academy. I consider it both a tremendous privilege and a great responsibility to be appointed to such a key role and I will try my utmost to build upon the existing successes of the school.

The school received a very positive inspection in 2013 which identified its ethos, the quality of its staff, and the leadership of its senior management team as areas of particular strength. It is certainly apparent to me from previous experiences of the school, as well as the last three weeks in post, that the school has been left in a good place by Mrs Swan. However, it is in the nature of good schools that they always aspire to be better still, and so it must be with Breadalbane Academy.

I have already spoken to both staff and pupils of my ambition for the school that it should be a place where the aspirations of all young people are catered for by a staff which knows, understands and challenges them, and a curriculum which offers them a wide range of opportunities for achievement. I have also spoken of my belief that establishing and maintaining high expectations – both in staff and in pupils - lies at the heart of success.

Of course, parents also have a vital role to play and the school must assist you in this by communicating clearly about matters that affect your children, as well as being responsive to approaches that you make to the school. In addition to this, it should also consult you about bigger questions regarding its direction and priorities.

The inspection report suggested that there was still work to be done with regard to communication with parents, and I have already agreed with the Parent Council that this will be an area of focus this session. Indeed, I have met with Parent Council representatives this week to explore how communication might be developed and you can expect to hear more about this in the coming months.

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Executive Director

I also intend before Christmas to invite parents to an evening to engage in discussion about the direction of the school. I would hope that those attending would leave this event with a better appreciation of the national expectations of schools, as well as an understanding of the rationale of the school's own plan for this session.

May I end by saying that I cannot overstate the importance of the role that parents play in ensuring the success at school of their children, and I hope that together we can improve yet further what is already a very good school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Devine', with a long, sweeping tail extending to the right.

John Devine
Headteacher