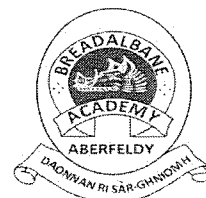


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Dear Parent/Carer

Changes in Drama Staffing

I am writing to let you know that Ms Henderson, who has continued with us for two days a week during this term, will be moving full-time to Perth Grammar School from the beginning of next term.

I am pleased to say, however, that Mrs Shore, our permanent Drama teacher hopes to return to work by mid-February, and that the school has secured the services of Ms Zora King, a very experienced Drama teacher to cover classes until this time. Ms King will teach on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday, which will allow her to cover the vast majority of currently timetabled classes, and I have asked her to have a particular focus on supporting pupils in National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher to ensure their readiness for examinations. Additionally, it is our plan to move some Drama classes currently falling on Mondays or Fridays to Wednesdays, with the effect that senior pupils will receive all or almost all of their allocated teaching time over the three days that Ms King is in school.

I realise that the current discontinuity in staffing is less than ideal but unfortunately this has been outwith the school's control. This turnover in staff has also been significantly aggravated by a national shortage in Drama teachers. In this context, we have been very fortunate indeed to have secured the services of Ms King, albeit on a part-time basis only.

As always, we seek to ensure that changes to staffing do not have a negative impact on our young people's learning experience and final attainment.

Should you have any queries, now or in the future, about arrangements in Drama next term, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Thorne, Principal Teacher of Performing Arts.

Yours faithfully

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