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Dear S1 Parent/Carer

Welcome to the Secondary School

We are now in our sixth week of Session 21/22 with the end of term rapidly approaching. I feel therefore that it is a good time to make contact with parents of our new S1 pupils.

I told S1 pupils on their first day that they were embarking on a secondary journey that would take them from childhood to adulthood, and I urged them to make the very most of their time in Breadalbane Academy so they could walk out in 4, 5 or 6 years ready for life and work. Over the past weeks, we have been really impressed by the turnout and behaviour of our S1 pupils and believe that as a group they are making a great start.

It is a big step to go from being at the top end of primary to being a smaller fish in the larger sea of secondary. I do hope that all of our S1 are now getting used to life in the high school and that this has been supported by the transition activities we provided at the start of session. However, I also appreciate that some may still be finding this step difficult.

It is therefore timely for me to remind parents of the role of guidance teachers in supporting our young people. Your child will either have Mr Davidson or Mrs Glover as their guidance teacher, who they will meet with once a week in their 'Personal and Social Education' (PSE) class. The guidance teacher is their and your first point of contact. We would hope that we would already be aware of any young person who was in need of support, but I would urge you as parents also to get in touch if there is anything that you or your child is concerned about. We are absolutely committed to all young people in school feeling happy to be here and do want to hear from you if, for any reason, this is not the case. Please just email at Breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk or call the school on 01887 822300.

You will hear from the school again next term when you receive a short report on 22nd November, followed by the S1 Parents Evening on 24th November. At present there is no word of restrictions lifting in schools so it may be that this parents evening will not be conducted in person. Should this be the case, we are looking at ways in which we can safely provide S1 parents with an opportunity to visit the school in person, sometime before Christmas.



May I conclude by thanking you as parents for the efforts you have been making to send your children to school prepared for learning. It is such partnership between parents and the school that will underpin the future success of our young people.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Devine
Headteacher

