



Dear Parent/Carer

Parent/Carer - Staff update – 1 November 2022

I am writing to update you on some recent staffing changes but in particular to note that two long serving staff members are leaving the school community after many years' service.

Mrs Tracey Edge-Loake has resigned from her post as Principal Teacher of Support after being a part of the High School community for nearly 28 years. She has managed the Department through a great deal of change, most notably with the increase in the number of youngsters needing support across a range of need. Tracey introduced a number of initiatives including the Toe by Toe reading programme, the Circle of Friends Lunch group (a safe space for the more vulnerable pupils run by senior pupils) and pushed for the school to take a nurturing approach a number of years ago, setting up the original nurture base in Club 55. She has made a great difference for a number of our more vulnerable pupils and their families, always championing their needs. We wish her the best of luck in the future.

Dave Saffhill leaves us in November to take up a new challenge in Edinburgh. He has been at the school since 2007, over 14 years working both in Mathematics and as Principal Teacher of Guidance. Dave has shown great loyalty and commitment to the education and well-being of a huge number of young people over his time in school and is a charismatic, warm and ebullient man who would often add a sense of fun to occasions, and loved a costume. He will be missed for his willingness to get involved in all aspects of school life and for being such a positive mentor to so many students. We wish him well in his new post.

Other recent appointments include:

Music – Maternity cover – Ms Kathryn Hamilton

Learning Assistants – Support for Learning – Ms Jennifer More and Mr Craig Wardlaw

Pupil Care and Welfare Officer – Ms Amy Ritchie

Kind Regards

Craig Biddick

Head Teacher