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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we come to the end of a very successful first term, I would like to update you on several matters. You will also find attached a copy of our Academy Star (Autumn Edition) Newspaper.

I do just want to give a special mention to our incredible 'School of Rock' cast and crew. For those of you fortunate enough to make it along, the performances were outstanding with over 900 tickets sold. Many thanks to the pupils and staff for the commitment and to so many for supporting the three shows. Our Academy Star team will be including this in their Christmas Edition.

Since August we have welcomed to our staff Mr Gibson (English). After the October break Mrs Bingham (Art and Design) will also join us.

We say goodbye and thank you to Mr John Thompson and Mr Gus Brechin who retire at the end of this term. John has been a janitor in the Academy and St Andrew's School for 38 years and Gus was the Caretaker at the Academy and also a janitor in the Inverurie Cluster. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing them both a happy and healthy retirement.

Key Dates

Monday 28th October Start of new term
Tuesday 29th October Career Evening
Wednesday 30th October Start of S4/5/6 Assessment Period

Wednesday 6th November S4 Parents Evening
Monday 11th November Health and Wellbeing Event
Tuesday 12th November Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation Play
(Drugs Education)

Wednesday 13th November Monday 25th – Friday 29th November

Rotary Musician of the Year Evening S2 Outward Bound Residential

Friday 29th November

Parent Council Quiz Night

Monday 2nd December Thursday 12th December Wednesday 18th December Friday 20th December

S1 Parents Evening S5/6 Parents Evening Christmas Concert End of Term

Finally, I wish you all a relaxing break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 28th October as we move towards Christmas 2024.

Yours sincerely

N. Henry

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