



ROSS HIGH PARENT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

Dear Parent/Carer (Parents Forum Member)

The year began with Ross High working towards becoming a Level 1 Rights Respecting School which we are delighted was achieved. In 2016-17 the school will be working towards Level 2.

The National Improvement Framework document was issued by the National Parent Forum of Scotland. The strategy aims to raise attainment for all and to reduce inequality in education. Ross High implemented new senior phase Tracking Reports, which aid staff in identifying where intervention is needed to improve attainment. The reports also inform parents and encourage them to contact the school at an early stage about any concerns about their child's attainment.

Celebrations of Success and a Graduation Ceremony for 6th Year Pupils were well received by parents, pupils and staff. The ethos of the school is positive and continuously improving with a focus on Growth Mindset. This was the year of the "mistake" where pupils were actively encouraged to try new things and learn from mistakes.

A fabulous Burns Supper was held in January 2016 with local speakers, teachers and children taking part. We plan to repeat this event in January 2017 as it was a great community event.

There have been many sporting successes throughout the year both during school and extra curricular, culminating with another excellent Sports Personality of the Year awards, featuring Theo Spalding GB Judo and now motivational speaker which was inspirational.

The Parent Council would like to record its thanks to Head Teacher Paul Reynolds and his Senior Management Team as they continue to lead improvement in a period of ongoing curricular change as well as our local councillors who have continued strong support of the school and representative attendance at our meetings during the year.

The Parent Council would also like to record its thanks to Roger Powell and James Belton for their commitment to the Parent Council, having "retired" at the end of 2014-15.

Our regular Parent Council meetings have had wide and varied discussions over the year including:

- Staffing – A number of staff reached retirement during the year – our thanks for their years of dedication is deserved. Recruiting and maintaining the best staff possible within current budgets continues to be critical to the experience and outcomes for Ross High pupils.

- Attainment – The Parent Council continues to support the core aim of raising of attainment. This year’s Higher and Advanced Higher results are very positive and The Parent Council assisted with feedback on the new Tracking Reports.
- Positive Destinations/Preparing pupils – Management continue to explore further change and improvement to the destinations of all pupils into the world of work and study.
- School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality Report – The Parent Council engage with the Head Teacher at an early stage to provide a sounding board for plans and reports.
- Fundraising – The Quiz night is growing and the Burns Supper was a great success. The Parent Council also provided help with the raffles at the School Show and concerts. We are continually looking for new ways to fundraise, including applying for funds from central resources.

Parent Council meetings take place on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the School Meeting Room.

All parents/carers are welcome to attend meetings or ask any Parent Council member to raise issues that affect the wider school. Details of members, agendas and minutes can be found at:

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Gail Walshe (Chair)

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