



*'Educating the whole person, in a spirit of enquiry, to judge wisely, act fairly and live well.'*

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Dear parent/carer

**Craft, Design and Technology department; Staffing update**

As you will remember in my previous letter regarding the staffing situation in CDT I said I would update you again nearer Christmas.

As of today we have now appointed Ms Ashleigh Wallace as Acting Principal teacher of CDT and appointed Mr David Baird as a teacher of CDT. Both teachers come with a working knowledge and experience across the range of CDT subject areas. Ms Wallace will start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January and Mr Baird will hopefully be in a position to start within a fortnight of our return after Christmas. Miss Fulton will be back for a maximum of 2 weeks after Christmas before going on maternity leave.

With now only 2 members of CDT staff going forward we are obviously still short of teachers and further CDT national job adverts will be published as soon as possible in the New Year. We have, however managed to employ an additional science teacher and PE teachers which will give us some extra flexibility regarding timetabling for the rest of the school year.

Our CDT timetable therefore will need to be adjusted considerably and planning for this is already underway. Focus will continue to be on our Senior Phase classes, followed by our S3 classes and then our S1 and S2 classes. Please see below a table that gives a general overview of our current plans for January onwards and how particular classes or year groups are now being accommodated.

Subject/class	Level	Plan for January – May 2020
Engineering Science	Higher	Continue travelling to and working with Inveralmond CDT staff
Engineering Skills	N5	Continue with a CDT teacher
Design & Manufacture	N4-Higher	Rotation with Woodwork class, meaning some cover classes during the week
2 classes of Practical Woodwork	N4/N5	1 class (column D) with CDT teacher 1 class (column B) in rotation with Design & Manufacture class meaning some cover classes during week
Graphic Communication	N4- Higher	Continue with CDT teacher
Graphic communication	S3 class	This will now be taught on rotation with periods split between a CDT teacher and Art & Design teacher
Materials and Manufacture	S3 class	Continue with CDT teacher
Engineering	S3 class	Continue with CDT teacher and period of cover/rotation with another teacher
CDT	S2 classes	1 period of CDT per week and then 1 period of either Science, PE or Art & Design.
CDT	S1 classes	NO CDT until new academic timetable or another CDT teacher is appointed. S1 classes will be allocated a mixture of additional subjects likely to be Art & Design, Science or PE.

I am very happy to talk to any parent/carer about this situation and this will obviously be discussed in depth at an upcoming Parent Council meeting.

Regards

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