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Dear Parents/Carers,

After an incredibly challenging school term, we can look forward to a Christmas holiday which I sincerely hope allows you to spend some quality time with the people who matter most to you.

Fond farewells and new beginnings... we wish Mrs Connor (Business and Computing Faculty) a happy and healthy retirement after 21 years of supporting young people in our school. Mrs Connor has been a highly valued colleague and friend to all who have worked alongside her. Mrs Carmichael leaves to take up her post as Head Teacher at Tobermory High School and I would like to express my thanks for her contribution to Gryffe High School. Mrs Carmichael's skill, commitment and professionalism will be a huge asset to the school community on the island of Mull. I am also delighted to announce that Ms Dhesi has been appointed Depute Head Teacher permanently in our school after a competitive interview process this week. Ms Dhesi is looking forward to helping shape the future of Gryffe High School as a permanent member of our Senior Management Team.

The strong, trusting relationships we share with parents/carers have been exemplified this session through the ways in which we have worked together to overcome the challenges that the pandemic continues to throw at us. Together, we have worked to minimise disruption to our school and to maximise opportunities for young people to flourish, including our extra-curricular programme. Feeling connected to a school community supports achievement and this sense of belonging is fostered by wearing school uniform. I am asking parents/carers to ensure young people wear full school uniform when we return in January. Please get in touch with us if you require any assistance with school uniform.

Our issuing of LFD kits to all has been very successful and we would encourage young people to test regularly at home and before returning to school in the new year. This is an effective way of minimising the spread of COVID-19 and will help keep our school safe and open. Please report all LFD test results whether positive, negative or void at www.covidtest.scot or by telephoning 119.

Finally, we will bring 2021 to a close in Gryffe High School with the launch of our second digital newsletter. I hope you find it an interesting way to learn about some of the many highlights from the winter term. Our young people have been magnificent in their achievements and contributions to the school community, and this summary gives an insight into the brilliant work of pupils and staff in Gryffe High School. The digital newsletter will be available soon at www.gryffehigh.com and through our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

Wishing you a safe and joyous festive season.

Kevin Christie
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