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Dear Parent/Carer,

TCSOA Staffing Update & October Holiday Wishes

I am writing to share some staffing updates ahead of the October holiday.

Upon our return, I am pleased to announce that, following professional discussions, Mr Ross Donald-Hewitt has been appointed to the role of 0.4 FTE Acting Deputy Head Teacher. As noted in the recent Pulse newsletter, Mrs Ross will begin a flexible working arrangement on Monday, 27 October 2025, with Mr Donald-Hewitt covering the remaining portion of the post.

Mr Donald-Hewitt will assume the Deputy Head Teacher role on Mondays and Tuesdays, while Mrs Ross continues in her existing post on a part-time basis from Wednesday to Friday.

Our Senior Leadership Team for next term will be as follows:

Nursery & Primary 1	Mr Donald-Hewitt	Depute Head Teacher, Primary (Acting)
	Mrs Ross	Depute Head Teacher, Primary
Primary 2/3/4	Mrs Dalrymple	Depute Head Teacher, Primary
Primary 5/6/7	Mrs Hamilton	Depute Head Teacher, Primary (Acting)
S1-S3	Mrs Magee	Depute Head Teacher, Sec Support (Acting)
S4-S6	Mr Rushton	Depute Head Teacher, Sec School Improvement
	Mrs Conway	Business Manager

We are also delighted to welcome the following new staff members next term:

- Mr Fraser Boyd – Teacher of Numeracy
- Mrs Angela Caldwell – Teacher of Mathematics
- Mr David Low – Teacher of Geography (will start following employment checks)
- Mrs Anna Witcha – Receptionist / Office Team

Today was Miss Jemma Veale's last day at work before starting her maternity leave, and we wish her all the very best for the exciting weeks ahead. We hope she enjoys a restful and joyful time with family as she prepares to welcome her new arrival.

You will be aware that Miss Platt has recently taken on the role of Acting Principal Teacher of Guidance and has had responsibility for Drummond and Tullibardine houses. Following the October break, Miss Amy MacDonald will assume this full time position, also on an interim basis. We extend our sincere thanks to Miss Platt for her dedication and hard work, and wish Miss MacDonald every success in her new role. Miss Platt will return to her post as Teacher of Biology, and appropriate supply cover will be arranged within the PE department.

Additionally, I would like to congratulate Mr Fraser Urquhart, who was recently successful in securing the role of Principal Teacher of Health and Wellbeing at Pitlochry High School. Mr Urquhart

has served in his current role for an impressive 28 years, demonstrating exceptional commitment to our school and the young people of Auchterarder. He will begin his new post on Thursday, 13 November 2025, and we wish him every success. Recruitment for a new Principal Teacher of Health and Wellbeing at the Community School of Auchterarder is now underway.

I hope you and your family have an enjoyable October break. We have had a fantastic first term filled with energy, progress, and achievement across our school.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the term ahead on Monday, 27 October 2025.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with any member of our team or email us at TCSOAContact@pkc.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Lambert". The script is cursive and fluid.

David Lambert
Head Teacher