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Dear Anderson High School Parents and Carers

### **AHS School Newsletter Edition 54, now on website**

As you can see from the attached flyer, our latest school newsletter has been placed on the website [www.anderson.shetland.sch.uk](http://www.anderson.shetland.sch.uk). 50 pages long, it is full of news of our work in school over the last term. Please have a look. If you save our website to your home page, on a phone or tablet, the school crest will appear as an App.

### **Family Learning Evening – S1/2**

My thanks go to all of you who came along to enjoy our family learning evening last week. We have received positive feedback and a few ideas for what we could do next, so do not worry if you missed it – we are already planning for next year. We also hope to run an event for parents and carers of pupils in older year groups over the winter.

### **What to do at Lunchtime?**

We have up-dated our list of lunchtime activities on the school website [www.anderson.shetland.sch.uk](http://www.anderson.shetland.sch.uk). You will find the link at the right hand side of the home page. Please have a look at the range of opportunities for young people in our school, and encourage your child to come and give something new a go.

### **Applying for University?**

If your child is thinking about applying to university, there is a very useful presentation on our website. You will find it on the home page list "Applying for University". A number of parents and carers came along to the presentation by the Aberdeen University representative last month, and found this information helpful. If you need more support, please speak with Pupil Support Teachers or Mr Redman, Depute Head for S5/6.

### **Maths Study Support**

If your child would like some support with Maths, the department welcomes pupils at 1250 to 1315 every day (all ages). Pupils should report to the Maths Department Base. In addition, Higher Maths revision sessions are on Tuesdays (Room 2.05) and Thursdays (Room 2.37) from 1545 to 1700. Any pupil attending after school revision clubs can have the cost of bus tickets reimbursed – just ask at the School Office.

### **Health and Safety Concern – parental cars in Clickimin Car Park**

As previously advised, parents and carers are asked to drop off and pick up children from **the spaces between the pitches**, accessed from the new roundabout. The traffic flows relatively freely behind the Halls of Residence. Over the last couple of weeks, a large number of people are using the Clickimin Centre car park. This is not school property and is causing significant congestion for leisure centre users, with queues of cars taking up to 20 minutes to clear the Lochside junction – at a time when many pupils are walking up the access road to the school.

## A little bit of help?

From time to time, we all need a little bit of advice. Please see the leaflet enclosed from Citizens Advice Shetland, including dates of drop-ins around Shetland.

## Key dates ahead

S1 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 09 October 2019
Last day of term 1	Friday 11 October 2019
October Holidays	Monday 14 October 2019 - Friday 25 October 2019 inclusive
In Service Training	Monday 28 & Tuesday 29 October 2019 – school closed for pupils
Pupils return for Term 2	Wednesday 30 October 2019
S4 Monitoring Update	November 2019
S5/S6 School Report	Tuesday 12 November 2019
S5 Parents' Evening	Monday 18 November 2019
S6 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 27 November 2019
S1/S2 Beanfeast	Thursday 05 December 2019
Christmas Coffee Morning	Saturday 07 December 2019
S3/S4 Beanfeast	Monday 09 December 2019
S3 School Report	Thursday 12 December 2019
Senior Beanfeast	Friday 13 December 2019
Winter Reflections - Music/Artwork display	Monday 16 December 2019
S1 Monitoring Update	December 2019
Last Day of Term 2	Friday 20 December 2019
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23 December 2019 - Friday 03 January 2020 inclusive
In Service Training	Monday 06 & Tuesday 07 January 2020 – school closed for pupils
Pupils return for Term 3	Wednesday 08 January 2020

Full dates available on our school website [www.anderson.shetland.sch.uk](http://www.anderson.shetland.sch.uk)

Kind regards

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**Perseverance:** We need to have grit and determination, and never give up, so that we can be the best we can be.

**Ambition:** Each of us must believe in ourselves, always striving to improve, achieve and succeed.

**Respect:** Each of us must look after ourselves, be considerate to others, and have good manners.

**Responsibility:** We will take responsibility for our learning, our community and our local environment.