



## Head Teachers Report

I was called by a Senior Officer of the Council on the second last day of last term. They asked me if I would continue in my role as Acting Head Teacher of Saint Margaret's High School. I was more than happy to continue in this role and delighted to be given the opportunity to lead the school in preparation of the new school year.

There have been some changes across the school. For security reasons the back and side gates will be closed throughout the school day and only opened at the start and end of the day. There had been a number of intruders onto the campus before the summer holidays.

We have introduced a warning bell 2 minutes before the Session 1 bell and 2 minutes before the end of lunchtime. This allows pupils to gather their belongings before making their way to class. Pupils will not be able to remove food from the canteen and groups of pupils will not be able to take over areas of the school without adult supervision. Pupils with packed lunches will be able to use the canteen.

A new Head cook has been appointed temporarily to the canteen. There has been an improvement in the standard of service and quality of food provided in the canteen.

Two new sets of doors have been fitted at the east and west end entrances to the main building. They look better and pupils are able to move around the main building much easier. S6 pupils are encouraged to use the main entrance and if this is a success we would hope to allow other year groups the same opportunity.

The large sign at the front of the school has been removed. We hope to replace it with a new sign re-establishing the school as a High School with additional sports capacity.

The mosaic has been uncovered in the main entrance and this re-establishes a focal point in the reception area. The mosaic was hand made by staff and pupils and echoes the mosaic work of Saint Margaret's Church.

The school twitter account has the second most followers of any school in North Lanarkshire and the new website will be launched by the middle of September.

A new attendance package has been introduced by the authority and goes live on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

