

Welcome to Kinlochleven High School

Starting at a new school has always filled me, in equal parts, with excitement and apprehension. Every school is different, with slightly different routines, structures and ways of doing things. As Head teacher I want to make sure that you know you are all welcomed, whether a new pupil, a new parent or a new member of staff. As a new and valued member of our team, we are keen to support you and to capitalise on your learning, energy, and enthusiasm.

At Kinlochleven High School we aim to be inclusive, determined, patient, generous and compassionate and to build confidence, offering high standards of teaching and learning across a broad curriculum. Our curriculum, based on the recommendations of Curriculum for Excellence, offers pupils the opportunity to develop skills and abilities across a wide range of subject areas and extra-curricular activities.

We offer a wide range of social, creative, cultural and sporting activities. Pupils, throughout their time in the school, benefit from a range of opportunities for out of school learning. Through activities like the Outward Bound program, the S3 expedition to Norway and the Duke of Edinburgh Award, as well as the support throughout their school career to take part in volunteering, recognised by the SALTIRE Award, pupils gain tremendously in terms of developing confidence and an ethic of team work.

We are fortunate, in the school, to have an active and supportive Parent Council. New parent members will be warmly welcomed. Dates of meetings are advertised via the school website and mobile phone app. This partnership of teachers, parents and the wider community is an essential strand in helping our pupils to achieve their full potential.

Pupils too can have an input into the development of the school via the Pupil Council which represents their views on various aspects of school life. In the past the pupil council were instrumental in agreeing the school uniform policy and suggested amendments to discipline policies and curricular structures. Pupils' views are treated with respect and taken in to account when decisions are made.

Parents are kept informed of their child's progress through reports and also through bi-annual Parents' Evenings. Pupils also work on producing a profile which reflects on their progress in school as well as providing a way of recording your child's wider achievements. A two-way flow of communication is a key aspect of the partnership between home and school, and members of the school community are encouraged to contact the school – at any time – if a problem should arise or if you require further information.

This booklet has been prepared to give you key information on the school and we hope you find it useful. In accordance with eco-policy this handbook will be published on-line and only printed if specifically requested by a member of the school community

We look forward to getting to know you in the years ahead and wish you a rewarding association with Kinlochleven High School



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