

James Gillespie's High School Council

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Dear parent/carer,

We are writing to update you on the work of the School Council, the body representing parents and carers in the school community, and to invite you to come along to the **School Council AGM**. Come along and join in! All School Council meetings are open to every parent and carer.

Our AGM will be held on **Wednesday 27th October at 7pm** in the school library. Some background papers are enclosed, and the agenda is printed overleaf. Additional papers can be found on our website, and will be available at the meeting.

All officer posts are filled at the AGM, and can be shared. Sub groups can be set up at any time, on different areas of interest, and our thanks go to all the parents who have contributed in many different ways during the last year.

In the coming year we know that we will need sub groups on: Decant to Darroch (scheduled for summer 2012); the new building project; Events; Gaelic Medium Education provision; and interest has been expressed on setting up a parent Environment/Green Group. You may have other ideas too, so please get in touch.

There are also opportunities to get involved as parent reps in Groups in School, for instance the Learning and Teaching group, South Africa and Global Citizenship work; or on the Decant preparations.

With plans in place for the JGHS rebuild, and possible changes across the City Council Education (Children and Families) Department as a result of Budget cuts, it is very important that we keep as many families fully involved and informed as possible.

We have found that issues raised with us by parents have often emerged as a result of poor communication, so we have put a lot of effort into trying to improve this, together with the school.

Parents with students in S2 and those in Senior School will find enclosed in this mailing some information from the School, with regard to Support for Pupils, welfare policies, and other matters. For S4, S5 and S6 we enclose School information about the SQA exams, continual assessment and curriculum, which we hope will be helpful. This is being provided in response to requests through the School Council, and we are pleased to be able to pass it on.

We hope to see you at the School Council AGM on 27th October 2010. If we can do anything to make it easier for you to attend, please get in touch.

Ann Henderson

Chair, James Gillespie's High School Council