

# OLDMACHAR ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL



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## WELCOME

Welcome to our first newsletter. Hopefully it will give you an idea of what we've been involved in this school year so far and our plans for the future.

Parents are a vital part of the school team, research shows the more engaged we are the better for our children. We'd encourage you to get involved in the life of the school and your child's learning in whatever way you can. We're here to help you do that, whether it's to represent your views to the school or provide practical ways for you to be involved.



## YOUR VIEW?

Parental engagement is a priority for our school. It's on our improvement plan and recently staff and parent council members got together to discuss how we can enable parents to engage in their child's learning and the school community.

Your view is important - please look out for surveys from us and take 5 minutes to complete them.

We really value your thoughts and ideas.

## SUPPORTING PARENTS

Thank you to Anne and Anita for serving refreshments at the S1 parents evening, They were much appreciated. We also took the opportunity to survey the S1 parents asking them for their views about their child's transition from P7 to S1 and how we can make this even better for next year. We hope to produce a "parent to parent" guide for new S1 parents.



## LOOKING FOR ANSWERS

We are fortunate not to have a huge number of staffing vacancies in our school but as a parent council we are concerned about the shortage of teachers across our city and country.

We recently wrote to John Swinney (Cabinet Secretary for Education) expressing our concerns and asking him how he plans to resolve the issue. A copy of the letter we sent can be found on the parent council page on the school website. We still await his reply! We'll keep you updated.

## FUNDRAISING

Christmas Market: Come along and support the Parent Council stalls at the Christmas Market. It's on this coming Wednesday 6-8pm. We'll be serving refreshments, selling raffles, squares and tickets for a chocolate tombola. All funds raised from these stalls will go to supporting your child's school.

If you're attending the Christmas Concert please bring some spare change and take part in our fundraising to support the Music Department.

We hope to organise a summer event in the school's outdoor space. Watch out for details and how you can support this.

We need your help to fundraise! Would you be willing to be part of a small team running these events or could you lend a hand at them? If you are please drop us an email, we'd love to hear from you. And if you have any ideas for easy fundraising let us know!



Well done to the mums who served refreshments to the S1s after their recent fun run.

## THE QUAD



This is a space which could be amazing! We'd love to see this developed for the benefit of all our young people. Last year the Pod arrived, we provided benches and planted bulbs. We hope to continue to transform this into a space which the young people can enjoy socially and for outdoor learning. This project is in the early stages but if you could help in any way or have any ideas, please get in touch. Watch this space for news.....

## GET IN TOUCH

We are always keen to hear from other parents. Please contact us by emailing:  
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Chair: Sue Thomson

Vice chair: Linda Strachan

Treasurer: Helena Zeigler

Everyone is welcome to attend any of our meetings. Please do come along. If you have an item you wish discussed at the meeting please email your request by the Friday before. This helps us to keep our meetings running to time.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 16th Jan. 7pm