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Carrick Academy

Welcome Back to a New Session at Carrick!

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Session 2008/09 is now well and truly underway. The Press Pack Team hope you had a good, if somewhat damp, summer.

We also hope that everyone got the results that they hoped for.

This session we welcome some new members of staff:

In Modern Studies— Mr Pesoli and Mr Riley

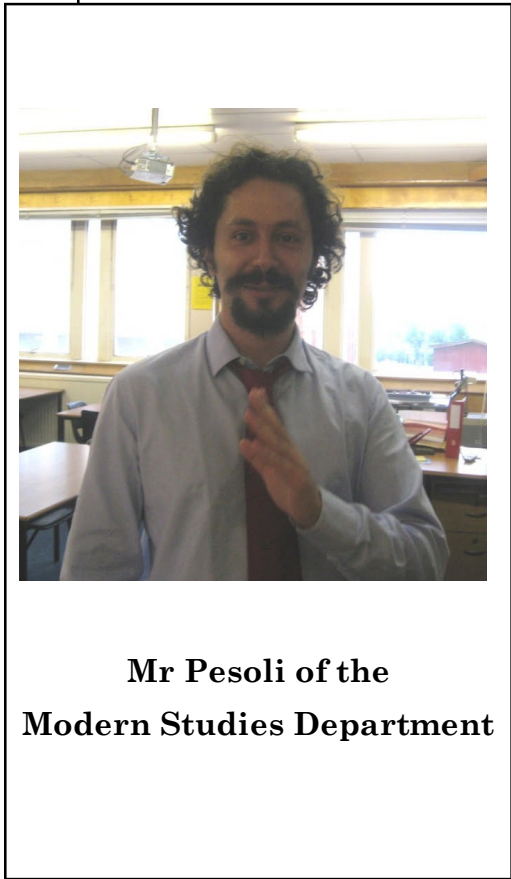
In Maths— Mr Carpenter

In Music— Mrs Spreadbury and Ms Gillespie

In Technical- Mr Cree

In R.M.E— Ms Drummond

In Pupil Support—Ms Girvan



Mr Pesoli of the Modern Studies Department

- * Reminders**
- * Local Holiday: Friday 19th and Monday 22nd September
 - * S3 Substance Abuse Day Friday 26th September

Congratulations

On behalf of Carrick Academy we would like to congratulate the following pupils who graduated recently

Craig Forson—BA (Hons) Risk Management

Lisa Hughes—BSc Honours in Physiotherapy

Donna Kennedy—BSc Honours in Architectural Studies

Sophia Deborah Hart—B.Sc.

Robert Hutton LL.B., Second Class Div One in Law

Valerie Agnes Wilson M.A., Second Class Div One

Headteacher's Report

Newsletter August 2008

Welcome back to a new session. I hope everyone had a really enjoyable break and have returned fresh for the session ahead.

As ever we have had some very good individual pupil results, some surprising results that were above our expectations and some disappointing results where pupils had put in the work and did not perform on the day. Congratulations to the many pupils who got the results they were looking for.

I met with all the year groups on the first day back to go over our targets for the session. I stressed the School Values and being consistent in applying them each day. I identified the raise in attainment required and stressed the importance of pupils listening carefully to the staff who have the experience of knowing what it takes to be successful and carrying out their instructions and guidance effectively. I highlighted the need to bring notes to school when returning from an absence and finally went over health and safety issues due to the work that is going on around the school and in the community.

The second of our In-service days was set aside for staff to plan Cross Curricular Projects as this is a crucial part of the Curriculum for Excellence developments that we will be undertaking through our School of Ambition Programme.

Wiring and painting is still being undertaken in the upstairs of the Old Building and it should be completed by mid September. On its completion the windows on the front façade of the Old Building will then be replaced.

I mentioned to the pupils that I would be really pleased to see them getting involved in some of the many extra curricular activities available to them. Very shortly pupils will be issued with a booklet detailing all the opportunities available and I would appreciate parental support in encouraging pupils to take part in becoming more active more often using these activities.

The Parent Council will hold its first AGM on 29 September so look out for information regarding the meeting.

As ever, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the school

Regards
R Stewart
Headteacher

School Of Ambition Update

We are now entering year 2 of our plan. The focus for this year is to continue to develop:

- Active leadership
- Active learning
- Active partnerships

This year, in addition to a range of pupil led projects, every department will provide ambitious challenges to their classes. All departments have bid for funding to support their proposed work. A further development involves groups of departments working together to offer innovative and challenging experiences to pupils in a range of year groups.

More details of events and challenges next month!



Rugby Training Nights

Monday – S1, S2 and Girls Rugby (3.30 – 4.45pm)

Tuesday – S3 and Senior Rugby (3.30 – 5.00pm)

Wednesday – Senior Rugby (3.30 – 5.00pm)

Helpers

Carrick is now the only school of our size in the country who can field 7 sides. To maintain this we urgently require teaching staff who are willing to supervise sides. With Colin Sturgeon (Carrick/Girvan SVQ student) now in the school 8 hours a week and the senior pupil coaching programme we are in the fortunate position that we do not require coaches but teachers to go to games and oversee the boys and girls. No planning would be required as I would provide the registers, medical forms, ordering of buses and washing of strips. If you would be interested in helping out please speak to myself or Hazel Johnstone.

S1 – Coached by David McGee (Carrick RFC), Ross McCulloch and Craig Davidson
(MANAGER/TEACHER REQUIRED!!!)

S2 – Coached by G. Brown, Jason McKay and Michael Paton

S3 – Coached by Colin Sturgeon (SVQ) and Robert Sykes **(MANAGER/TEACHER REQUIRED!!!)**

S4/S5 and 1st XV – Coached by G. Brown, R Duns-muir and D McGee (S4/5 Managed by John Wilson)

SVQ Student – Colin Sturgeon

Colin will start as Carrick and Girvan's new Rugby Student next week. He will be in Carrick on a Tuesday and Girvan on a Wednesday. His main role will be to deliver rugby in local primary schools and to coach the Carrick S3 and Girvan S1/2 sides. This job has been funded by both schools, Ayr RFC and the Scottish Rugby Union. Colin will attend training at Murrayfield which will be delivered and managed by the SRU. Myself and Damien Kelly (Ayr RFC) will oversee his duties.

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School Improvements

Major re-wiring and decorating are taking place on the top floor of the old building. New windows have been installed in the library and some of the internal corridors.

RUGBY RESULTS

Here are the Results of the games that have played over the past few weeks:

Wed 13th August - Kilmarnock RFC U18 5 - 7 Carrick Academy 1ST XV
Wed 20th August - Ayr RFC U17 26 - 10 Carrick Academy 1ST XV
Fixtures (Up to and Including the Sept long weekend)

1st XV

Tues 26th August - Cumnock RFC U17 V Carrick Academy 1st XV (Kick Off 7.00pm) (Friendly)
Sat 30th August - Carrick Academy 1st XV V Linlithgow Academy (Kick Off 10.30am) (Friendly)
Wed 10th Sept - Carrick Academy 1st XV V Garnock Academy (Kick off 4.30pm) (League)
Sat 20th Sept - Carrick Academy 1st XV V Wellington School (Kick Off 10.15am) (Friendly)

Scottish Cup

We have been drawn against Dumfries Academy at home in the Scottish Cup. I have offered Wednesday 3rd and Friday 5th September as possible dates. If we win we will play Williamwood (A).

University Open Days

Napier	4th September
Edinburgh	5th September
SAC	6th September
Glasgow Caledonian University	8th September
Strathclyde	9th September
Glasgow	10th September
Heriot Watt	22 th September
Robert Gordon	24th September
Stirling	24 th September and 4th October
Dundee	1st October
West Of Scotland (Paisley Campus)	7th October
St Andrews	8th October
Abertay	15th October
West Of Scotland (Ayr Campus)	23rd October