Elgin High School
Northern Scot Notes
22 June 2018

Retirements - At the end of this session Elgin High School will bid a fond farewell to two long-standing members of staff; Mrs Freda Chalmers and Mrs Karen Highmore. Freda, as Principal Teacher of Guidance for the Eagle House has supported many young people in her 9 years at the school. Her devotion to our students' wellbeing and the wider context of our school has enhanced the lives of many. Karen, Principal Teacher of Geography has been at the school for 34 years and through her commitment and enthusiasm for her subject area and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme has supported many of our young people to develop skills for life. We thank both Freda and Karen for all their hard work over the years and wish them a long and happy retirement.

Acting Depute Head Teacher - Welcome to Mrs Emma MacLauchlan, currently Acting Depute Head Teacher at Keith Grammar School who on Tuesday, was appointed as Acting Depute Head Teacher. Mrs MacLauchlan will take up her post in August, replacing Mrs Jan Sinclair who leaves us at the end of this session to become the Head Teacher of Forres Academy.

Appointments - Congratulations to Ms Sine MacDonald, Teacher of Music who will be remaining with us for her NQT year and to Mrs Vicki Jolly who was successful in being appointed to the permanent post of Principal Teacher of Guidance.

Farewell – At the end of the term we say goodbye to Ms Dalia Shalaby, Teacher of Maths as she completes her NQT year, to Mrs Lorna Hampton-Smith, Teacher of Business Studies/ICT who leaves to take up a post in Glasgow and to Miss Jess Standfast, Teacher of Art, who is moving across to Elgin Academy. We would like to also thank Mrs Fiona Chapman for covering the post of Principal Teacher of Guidance (Fridays) as the temporary position comes to an end. Thank you to you all for your contribution during your time at Elgin High School and we wish you all the very best in your future role.

Sports Day – EHS Sports Day will be held next Tuesday (26 June) and students will be able to take part to gain points for their House. The day will also include fundraising which will be split equally between Abbie's Sparkle Foundation and School Funds. Students can support the fundraising by bringing money to spend at the BBQ, water slide, cake stall, sparkly face painting, ice creams stall and more.

P7 Transition Programme – The final transition days have been held for our upcoming S1 students and it was exciting to see how well the Primary 7 students adapted to life at Elgin High School, spending three days following their timetable, using our library and canteen facilities and gaining a meaningful experience to prepare them for their start after the summer. We would like to thank all staff from the Primary Schools, external agencies and our own staff and students who have worked tirelessly to assist with the transition programme.

Summer Holidays – School finishes at 2.30pm on Friday 29 June and will be closed to students from Monday 2 July to Monday 13 August for the summer holidays. Staff will return on Monday 13 August and uniform orders will be ready for collection on this day from 9am – 3pm. Students will return on Tuesday 14 August. All of our S1 and S6 students will have a year group photograph taken on the first day of term.

Elgin Rotary Leadership Initiative, June 2018 - Students from each of Elgin Academy, Elgin High School, Forres Academy, Lossiemouth High School and Gordonstoun School took part in a leadership initiative supported by Elgin and Forres Rotary Clubs and Kinloss Royal Engineer Base. During the two-day residential, S4 students; Chloe Bland, Chloe McLean, Faith Willox, Georgia Laing, Emily Barnes, Callie Graham, Gregor McIver and Connor Bowie developed their leadership potential and skills though a range of activities. It is planned that after the event, the young people will have the opportunity to use these skills in the local community.

ERLI Camp Fire

ERLI Range 1

ERLI Range 2

ERLI Range 3

ERLI EHS Group

ERLI Whole Group