

## Deans Community High School Parent Council

### Chair's Annual Report - January 2021-22

We have been faced with yet another extraordinary and challenging year. All stakeholders have shown resilience in meeting the demands of the changes that occurred as a consequence of another lockdown period. Deans Community High School Team have worked collaboratively with the Parent Council in keeping us abreast of the changes that have occurred with the SQA's alternative certification model for senior school exam diet for 2021 assessments and the way in which remote learning would be delivered.

The weekly updates from Mrs Allison have kept parent/carers informed of important information and school events throughout.

The Parent Council changed the arranged two monthly meetings to once monthly meetings in consultation with the Senior Management Team in order to keep updated with the changes that were occurring related to the changing covid-19 measures and its impact on learning and teaching and the Health and Wellbeing of the students, staff and the parents.

We will continue as a parent council to review current guidelines around covid-19 and its implications on our pupils, teachers and school.

Parent Council Meetings have continued to be held via Skype for Business. The meetings are now held on a Monday and at a later time as voted by the members. This platform has continued to be successful. We continue to strive to increase the number of Parents we have on the parent Council.

In order to encourage Parents to come along to our meetings we have looked at different ways in which we communicate with stakeholders. We are at the early stage of renaming and rebranding the Parent Council and our aim is to make information more easily accessible to parent/carers in way of the school app, website, school updates.

The school is proactive in engaging with the parent council seeking the views of the members and sought collaboration on matters such as transition from P7-S1, health and wellbeing matters, school improvement plan.

I would like to thank Mrs Allison, Senior Management team, all staff, pupils and the Parent Council members for their support over the last 12 months. With everyone working together we were able to complete another school year in these uncertain times.

Lastly, I would like to say that we strive to improve the way in which we support Parents/carers through our partnership with the school and we welcome anyone who has a child in the school to be a part of our team. Meetings are informal and we welcome everyone's opinions and ideas.

Angela Ritchie    Chair Deans Community High School Parent Council    31<sup>st</sup> January 2022