

# **Broxburn Academy**

# Nurturing ambition & creativity

Message from the Headteacher - June 2025 Update

Dear Parents and carers of Broxburn Academy,

I hope this finds you and your families well,

As we approach the end of a busy and successful year, I wanted to get in touch to share some important information with you.

We have been working to co-create and agree our Vision, Values and Aims which will support all our actions and decisions as we move forward together as a school community.

We are ready to share this with you and please visit our school website at <u>Our Vision, Values and Aims - Broxburn Academy</u>

https://www.broxburnacademy.westlothian.org.uk/article/85983/Our-Vision-Valuesand-Aims

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In addition to this, we have also been working on our new school uniform strategy that will come into effect when we return to school in August.

#### Our school uniform strategy can be found at <u>School Uniform - Broxburn</u> <u>Academy</u>

https://www.broxburnacademy.westlothian.org.uk/article/17879/School-Uniform

# **Staffing Updates**

Our success is built on the foundation of strong partnerships with everyone in our school community and the dedication and hard work of our outstanding staff. I am writing to share some important updates regarding our staffing as we continue to provide the best possible learning experiences for our young people.

#### New Appointments for August 2025

We are delighted to welcome Hannah Sherry, teacher of English and Ashleigh Crawford, teacher of RMPS.

In addition, Susan Jenkins who is currently our Admin Officer has been appointed as our new Business Support Manager.

We are also pleased to welcome back Jemma Croser, Principal Teacher of Food Technology, Alana Shaw, Teacher of Mathematics and Zoe Wilson, Pupil support worker.

#### Departures

We also bid a fond farewell to several of our colleagues:

Caroline Campbell, our current Business Support Manager is moving to the Winchburgh and Sinclair Academy cluster.

Amy Fullerton, teacher of RMPS is changing roles as she takes up the post as Support for Learning teacher at Rosehill High School in East Lothian.

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Lindsay Strachan, our Principal Teacher of Drama is moving to the High School of Glasgow. I am sure that many of you will have seen first-hand the contribution that Mrs Strachan has made to our school community through the wonderful Act One performances and end of year school shows.

We have been fortunate to have four incredibly talented probationer teachers this year, Mark Ballantyne (PE), Kirsty Edmonds (History), Rachel Fyfe (Food Tech), and Alejandro Sanchez (Languages). They have all secured teaching posts for next session, and we wish them all well for the future.

## Retirals

Susan Golubowsky, our Admin Officer and Celia Collins, one of our Pupil support workers have both been integral members of our support team for 26 years and 21 years, respectively. They are particularly looking forward to travelling and spending more time with their grandchildren.

Martyn Tunstall has been a long serving teacher of English at Broxburn Academy for 20 years and is taking early retirement so he can spend less time inside and more time enjoying the great outdoors in the form of walking, mountain biking and kayaking.

We wish all of them the very of best of everything that retirement has to offer and thank them for their invaluable service to our school community.

#### Mrs Abi Adam

And finally, after 20 years of service to the young people and families of Broxburn Academy,

Abi Adam, Depute Head and pastoral link for Strathbrock House has decided it is time to pursue other opportunities outside of teaching and more importantly spend more quality time with her family. I know that you will all join me in wishing Abi and her family the absolute best of everything for the future.

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## Exam results 2025

We are already immensely proud of our S4 – S6 young people who sat their SQA exams and course assessments this year.

Exam results day is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

If they haven't already, young people can sign up to <u>mySQA</u> to receive their results by text/email.

Finally, it has been an absolute privilege to serve as your Headteacher this year. I am reminded daily just what a special place our school is and just how fortunate I am to be part of this school community.

The kindness and generosity of everyone in making me feel so welcome and the support you have given to me and my colleagues this year has been phenomenal.

With your continued support we can only go from strength to strength, and I look forward to what lies ahead next session.

All that remains is for me to wish everyone a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming our new S1 pupils and all our other pupils, when they return to school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Kind regards



Shona Wallace Headteacher

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