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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family safe and well. As we approach the end of term, I would like to highlight some of our successes over the last few weeks:

**Scotland's Most Enterprising School Awards**

We are delighted to have been crowned Scotland's Most Enterprising School 2022. The virtual awards ceremony was held on Wednesday, 1st June 2022. Our journey has been featured in the article below:

[https://enterprisingschools.scot/case\\_studies.php?slug=strathaven-academys-enterprise-journey](https://enterprisingschools.scot/case_studies.php?slug=strathaven-academys-enterprise-journey)

**Reading School – Silver Status**

Another success to add to our growing list: we have been awarded Reading Schools Silver Status - the second secondary school in South Lanarkshire to achieve this. A huge thank you to the English/Drama department and all staff who have worked hard across the school to support and promote reading. Now let's go for gold!

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event Strathclyde Park**

Three of our senior pupils - Aethon, Skarlett and Nina - were part of the choir who sang 'A Song for the Commonwealth', which was specially commissioned for the occasion. Well done!

**Partnerships**

Senior Metalwork pupils have worked in partnership with Martec to produce benches for Kilbryde Hospice and St Andrew's Hospice. A school bench has also been installed outside the main entrance to the school.

**Big June Day Tournament**

We are proud of our S1-S4 girls' football team who were the winners of the Big June Day Tournament.

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### **BGE Celebrating Success House Assemblies**

BGE pupils all took part in assemblies last week with their house group. These assemblies were led by their new House Captains and Pupil Support teacher. It was a great opportunity to say well done to all of our pupils and share some of our ideas for next sessions to capture and celebrate their achievements and successes.

### **Staffing Update**

Mr Fleming will take up post in August as substantive Depute Head Teacher. Mr Norrie leaves us in August to take up post as Faculty Head of Modern Languages at Marr College. Mrs McEwan has taken up post this week as teacher of Biology at St Stephen's High School.

Mr Crawford in Social Subjects has taken up post in Duncanrig Secondary School and Miss Whitefield in Music left us to take up post as subject leader of Music in Harris Academy in Wimbledon.

Mr Cassidy (Social Subjects), Miss Matheson (Biology) and Mr Holmes (Art) have been successful at interview and have been appointed to Strathaven Academy on a permanent basis.

We would like to thank Miss McWilliams (Maths), Mr McCormack (English), Mr Kernan (Drama), Mrs Martis (Maths) and Miss Johnston (Geography) for their support during session 2021-22.

Our Newly Qualified Teachers are moving on to pastures new and we wish them all the very best.

### **Session 2022-23**

On behalf of the senior team, I would like to thank all parents/carers and our young people for their tremendous support this session. We wish you and your family an enjoyable summer holiday when it comes. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Wednesday, 17 August 2022.

Yours sincerely



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