



## Joseph Leckie Academy

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome letter from the new Principal – Mr James Ludlow

I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome I have received in my first few days as the Principal at Joseph Leckie Academy. Even though I have only just started here, I feel as though I am already part of a large family and that I have made an excellent move in choosing to take the position as Principal in this wonderful school.

Prior to starting in the school, I had already heard many very positive things about the Joseph Leckie Academy and my first few days here have done nothing to change that view. In fact, my experience to date has confirmed my view that Joseph Leckie is a school with a warm and friendly ethos, a clear vision and high standards and expectations for everyone. As a school community, we want the absolute best for your children and anything less than this is not acceptable.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding work of Ms Cook who has been Acting Principal over the past 12 months. She has done an amazing job in steering the school through such a challenging time, including the sudden and very sad passing of Mr Whittlestone and all the additional challenges that the global pandemic has brought. I am incredibly grateful to her for the support and encouragement she has given me as I have taken up my post in the school.

This is the start of a new era for Joseph Leckie Academy, the beginning of the next chapter of the school's journey. I am determined that there will be no limits on the possibilities for everyone associated with the school. The school is in a strong position and there is a rich history and a solid foundation upon which to build. It is a great basis for the moving forward however, in a competitive and rapidly changing world, we must never underestimate the challenge that lies ahead as we approach this new era...there is much to be done if we are going to continue to be successful and this will require a whole team effort.

I hope that I will have the opportunity to meet with many of you over the coming weeks and months, as the Covid-19 restrictions continue to be lifted. I look forward to hearing your views about the school and listening to the areas you are happy with and the aspects that you would like us to improve. I will be arranging some parent forum meetings both remotely and in school when we are able to. These will be over the next few weeks in order to hear your views and I will forward further details as soon as they are available.

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As Principal, I firmly believe that all children and young people should have the best possible start in life and that there should be no ceiling on achievement. A successful school is built upon positive relationships, shared vision and values and a recognition that we are one team and one person's success is shared by everyone within the school community. I look forward to sharing in your child's successes over the coming years.

The start of a new term is a perfect time to reiterate our focus on high standards and request your continued support in upholding the highest possible expectations for all. This includes punctuality to school, strictly adhering to our academy uniform policy and to our Covid-19 safety measures that are in place to protect us all. I know that the vast majority of our students do take pride in ensuring that they have consistently high expectations of themselves and this is very much recognised and appreciated. I look forward to seeing a continued positive approach from everyone as we move forward together.

A quick reminder that next Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2021, our Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening will be taking place remotely and further details will follow.

Thank you again for the positive welcome I have received. I look forward to meeting you very soon.

Yours faithfully

James Ludlow  
Principal

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